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Data Protection Bill in Monsoon Session

It will be tabled in Parliament in July, govt. informs Supreme Court, which is hearing petitions against WhatsApp sharing users' data with FB firms

Krishnadas Rajagopal
NEW DELHI

The Union government informed the Supreme Court on Tuesday that a new law, namely the Digital Personal Data Protection Bill, 2022, to enforce individual privacy in online space was "ready".

"The new Bill will be tabled in the Monsoon Session of Parliament in July," Attorney General R. Venkataramani, appearing for the Union, informed a Constitution Bench led by Justice K.M. Joseph. Mr. Venkataramani's submission came during the hearing of petitions challenging WhatsApp's policy to share users' data with the Facebook group of companies.

The new Bill, if passed by Parliament, will replace the current Information Technology (Reasonable Security Practices and Procedures and Sensitive Personal Data or Information) Rules, which was notified in 2011.

The Supreme Court had recognised privacy as a fundamental right in 2017 and highlighted the need to protect online personal data from prying eyes.

In January, the government, in an affidavit filed in court, said that the Information Technology Ministry had initiated a stakeholder consultation exercise on the draft Bill, and invited comments from the public.

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New privacy Bill

India plans for a new Digital Personal Data Protection Bill to bolster online privacy. A lowdown:

- The Digital Personal Data Protection Bill 2022 was announced by the government aiming to enforce individual privacy online
- The new Bill will replace the existing Information Technology Rules
- The Bill aims at balancing the right of individuals to protect their personal data and the need to process it for lawful purposes
- Definitions of data fiduciary, data principal, and data processor are outlined within the Bill to provide clarity

52 new faces in BJP's first list of 189

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The ruling BJP on Tuesday announced its first list of candidates for 189 constituencies of the total 224 in the Karnataka Legislative Assembly that are going to polls on May 10.

The highlight of the list is that it has 52 new faces on the lines of the Gujarat experiment, though the number of replaced incumbent MLAs does not match the Gujarat figures.

The list indicates a plan by the BJP to tackle the two chief ministerial candidates of the Congress as it has fielded Minister and Lingayat leader V. Somanna against Siddaramaiah in Varuna constituency. Mr. Somanna will also be contesting from Chamarajanagar.

Similarly, BJP's Vokkaliga leader and Minister R. Ashok will be taking on KPCC president D.K. Shivakumar in Kanakapura constituency. Mr. Ashok will also contest from his regular constituency of Padmanabhanagar in Bengaluru.

Revenue Minister R. Ashok and Housing Minister V. Somanna

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India set to grow by 5.9% this fiscal: IMF

Sriram Lakshman
WASHINGTON DC

The International Monetary Fund (IMF) has projected that India's economy will grow by 5.9% for the current fiscal year April 2023-March 2024, a downward revision of 0.2 percentage points since the January forecast.

The IMF estimated a 6.3% economic growth rate for India for the next fiscal year, a downward revision of 0.5 percentage points from the last forecast.

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Unfazed India to hold G-20 event in Leh

Suhasini Haidar
Peerzada Ashiq
NEW DELHI/SRINAGAR

In a strong message to China, the government plans to hold its next G-20 engagement group meeting in Leh this month, exactly three years since security forces first detected unusual numbers of People's Liberation Army (PLA) troops amassing along the Line of Actual Control (LAC) in Ladakh. The meeting of the Youth-20 Summit, or Y-20, will be held from April 26 to 28 in Leh.

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The number of EV charging points installed in Delhi

2,300 charging points. BSES discoms BRPL and BYPL facilitated this installation. An official from the company said that "BSES will facilitate the installation of additional 900-plus charging points over the next few months". He added that BSES discoms aim to convert their entire fleet of vehicles to electric vehicles (EVs) by 2030. PTI

The confirmed civilian deaths in Ukraine after the Russian invasion

8,590 deaths as confirmed by the United Nations. The Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) said it had recorded 14,244 injuries since February 2022. The UN body has described the figures as "the tip of the iceberg" because of its limited access to battle zones. PTI

An optimistic growth forecast for China by the IMF

5.2 In percentage. The International Monetary Fund said that, "The reopening and growth of (China's) economy will likely generate positive spillovers, with even greater spillovers for countries with stronger trade links and reliance on Chinese tourism". China's zero-Covid policy had battered the economy for three years before it ended in December 2022. REUTERS

The U.S. adults who are likely buy an e-vehicle as per a poll

19 In percentage. In an Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research poll, only one in five U.S. adults said it's "very" or "extremely" likely that they would purchase an electric vehicle (EV) the next time they buy a car. Despite tax credits of up to $7,500 to buy a new EV, it was difficult to persuade drivers to ditch gas-burning cars and trucks for EVs. AP

The share of Hungary's gas needs supplied by Russia

85 In percentage. The share of gas supplied to Hungary (a member of NATO) may increase further as the land-locked country has agreed with Russia that energy giant Gazprom would maintain an option for additional gas shipments this year on top of quantities shipped under a long-term deal. REUTERS

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Saudi Arabia's quest for strategic autonomy

Saudi Arabia, a nation with a foreign policy which has always centred around Iran, is now reaching out to old rivals, holding talks with new enemies and seeking to balance between great powers, all while trying to transform its economy at home

WORLD INSIGHT

Stanly Johny

De-Americanisation of West Asia is not a Saudi goal. Rather it is trying to exploit America's weakness in the region to establish its autonomy through better ties with Russia and China

The story so far:

Saudi Arabia, which had adopted an aggressive foreign policy in recent years seeking to expand its influence in West Asia and roll back that of Iran, its bitter rival, is now following a dramatic course correction. It's reaching out to old rivals, holding talks with new enemies and seeking to balance between great powers, all while trying to transform its economy at home. If the Saudi drive to autonomise its foreign policy and build regional stability through diplomacy holds, it can have serious implications for West Asia.

How is Saudi foreign policy changing?

For years, the main driver of Saudi foreign policy was the kingdom's hostility towards Iran. This has resulted in proxy conflicts across the region. For example, in Syria, Iran's only state ally in West Asia, Saudi Arabia joined hands with its Gulf allies as well as Turkey and the West to bankroll and arm the rebellion against President Bashar al Assad. In Yemen, whose capital Sana'a was captured by the Iran-backed Shia Houthi rebels in 2014, the Saudis started a bombing campaign in March 2015, which hasn't formally come to an end yet. One of the demands the Saudis made to Qatar when it imposed a blockade on its smaller neighbour in 2017 was to sever ties with Iran. However, the Qatar blockade came to an unsuccessful end in 2021.

Last month, Saudi Arabia announced a deal, after China-mediated talks, to normalise diplomatic ties with Iran. Soon after, there were reports that Russia was mediating talks between Saudi Arabia and Syria, which could lead to the latter re-entering the Arab League before its next summit, scheduled for May in Saudi Arabia. Earlier this week, a Saudi-Omani delegation travelled to Yemen to hold talks with the Houthi rebels for a permanent ceasefire. All these moves mark a decisive shift from the policy adopted by Crown Prince Muhammad bin Salman after he rose to the top echelons of the Kingdom in 2017. Aggressiveness makes way for diplomacy and loyal alliances make room for pragmatic realignments. This is happening at a time when Saudi Arabia is also trying to balance between the U.S., its largest arms supplier, Russia, its OPEC-Plus partner, and China, the new superpower in the region.

Why are there changes now?

To begin with, these changes do not mean that the structures of Saudi Arabia's relations with Iran are undergoing a transformation. In fact, Iran would continue to drive Saudi Arabia's security concerns and strategic calculus. But Saudi Arabia's response to the Iran problem has shifted from strategic rivalry and proxy conflicts to tactical de-escalation and mutual coexistence. A host of factors seem to have influenced this shift.

The Kingdom's recent regional bets were either unsuccessful or only partially successful. In Syria, Mr. Assad, backed by Russia and Iran, has won the civil war. In Yemen, while the Saudi intervention may have helped prevent the Houthis from expanding their reach beyond Sana'a and the north, the Saudi-led coalition, which itself is now in a fractured state, failed to oust them from the capital. Also, the Houthis, with their drones and short-range missiles, now pose a serious security threat to Riyadh.

In parallel, the U.S.'s priority is shifting away from West Asia. So the choices Saudi Arabia is faced with, is to either double down on its failed bets seeking to contain Iran in a region which is no longer a priority for the U.S., the kingdom's most important security partner, or undo the failed policies and reach out to Iran to establish a new balance between the two. When China, which has good ties with both Tehran and Riyadh, offered to mediate between the two, the Saudis found it as an opportunity and seized it.

Is Saudi Arabia moving away from the U.S.?

It is not. The U.S., which has thousands of troops and military assets in the Gulf, including its Fifth Fleet, would continue to play a major security role in the region. For Saudi Arabia, the U.S. remains its largest defence supplier. The Kingdom is also trying to develop advanced missile and drone capabilities to counter Iran's edge in these areas with help from the U.S. and others. But at the same time, the Saudis realise that the U.S.'s deprioritisation of West Asia is altering the post-War order of the region. What Saudi Arabia is trying to do is to use the vacuum created by the U.S. policy changes to autonomise its foreign policy. The early signs of this autonomisation was visible in Saudi Arabia's recent decisions.

Unlike most other American allies, Saudi Arabia refused to join anti-Russia sanctions. Despite protests from Washington, Saudi Arabia joined hands with Russia to effect oil production cuts twice since the Ukraine war began, aimed at keeping the prices high which would help both Moscow and Riyadh. (Saudi Arabia is currently undertaking massive infrastructure projects aimed at transforming its economy and to sustain those projects and meet its economic goals, the Kingdom needs high oil prices). It has also built stronger trade and defence ties with China, and the Iran reconciliation deal, under China's mediation, announced Beijing's arrival as a power broker in West Asia. At the same time, Saudi Arabia has placed orders for Boeing aircraft worth $35 billion and entered into conditional talks with the U.S. on normalising ties with Israel. De-Americanisation of West Asia is not a Saudi goal. Rather it is trying to exploit America's weakness in the region to establish its own autonomy by building better ties with Russia and China and mending relations with regional powers without completely losing the U.S.

What are the implications for the region?

Saudi Arabia's normalisation talks with Syria or its talks with the Houthis cannot be seen separately from the bigger picture of the Saudi-Iran rapprochement. If Syria rejoins the Arab League, it would be an official declaration of victory by Mr. Assad in the civil war and would help improve the overall relationship between Damascus and other Arab capitals. Likewise, if the Saudis end the Yemen war through a settlement with the Houthis (which would probably split Yemen), Riyadh would get a calmer border while Tehran could retain its existing influence in the Saudi backyard. Such agreements may not radically alter the security dynamics of the region but could infuse some stability across the Gulf.

But the path ahead may not be smooth. While the Saudis are trying to build cross-Gulf stability, another part of West Asia remains tumultuous – which was evident in the Israeli raid at Jerusalem's Al Aqsa, Islam's third holiest place of worship, last week. This triggered rocket attacks from Lebanon and Gaza and in return Israeli bombing of both territories. Israel also keeps bombing Syria with immunity. The impact of escalation of tensions between Israel and Iran on cross-Gulf stability remains to be seen.

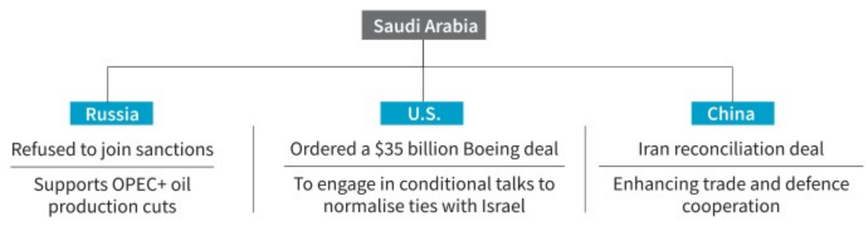
Another challenge before Saudi Arabia is to retain the course of autonomy without irking the U.S. beyond a point. Though the U.S. publicly welcomed the Saudi-Iran rapprochement, CIA chief William Burns made an unannounced visit to Riyadh and complained to Mohammed bin Salman about being "blindsided" on the Iran deal, according to a report in *The Wall Street Journal*. The U.S. would also not be happy with Syria, where it once sought regime change, being re-accommodated into the West Asian mainstream. In post-War West Asia, the U.S. had been part of almost all major realignments – either through force or talks, from the Suez war to the Abraham Accords. But now, when China and Russia are mediating talks between rivals successfully and Saudi Arabia, a trusted ally, is busy building its own autonomy, the U.S., despite its huge military presence in the region, is reduced to being a spectator.

A restructuring of dynamics in West Asia

For decades, Iran has driven Saudi Arabia's security concerns in the region. However, recent events show that Saudi Arabia's response to the Iran problem is shifting from strategic rivalry and proxy conflicts to mutual coexistence and tactical de-escalation

New balance : Iran's Foreign Minister Hossein Amirabdollahian, with his Saudi Arabian and Chinese counterparts Prince Faisal bin Farhan Al Saud and Qin Gang in Beijing on April 6. AP

How Saudi Arabia is balancing between global powers



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D.J. Halli violence: HC declines to set time frame for conclusion of trial

It said that it cannot set a time frame as there were a large number of accused facing trial in these cases

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The High Court of Karnataka has declined to set any time frame for conclusion of the trial against an accused in the criminal cases registered in connection with the violence that occurred in D.J. Halli-K.G. Halli localities of the city on August 11, 2020.

Declining to accept the plea of Mohammed Shariff for early trial of the case, stating that he has been lodged in the jail from the past two years, the High Court said that it cannot set any time frame for conclusion of trial against him as there are a large number of accused persons facing trial in these cases. "Therefore, this court would not accept the submission in the peculiar facts of this case. It is for the concerned trial court to regulate its procedure and consider for expeditious disposal. There cannot be a direction to dispose of the matter within a time frame," Justice Nagaprasanna said in the order while rejecting the petition filed by Shariff.

Many were arrested after the violence that occurred in D.J. Halli and K.G. Halli of Bengaluru on August 11, 2020. FILE PHOTO

The concerned trial court shall regulate its procedure to consider expeditious disposal of the cases before it, the HC said.

Also, it did not find merit in the contention made on behalf of the petitioner questioning the legality of invoking the provisions of Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967, against him terming past of a 'terrorist' gang . There is *prima facie* material in the charge sheet against the petitioner for alleging the offences under the UAP Act, the court said. The NIA had filed charge sheet against him.

Man kills elderly neighbour in fight over dog poop

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

A 68-year-old man was allegedly beaten to death by his neighbour and his friend in a fight over dog poop in Ganapathinagar in Soladevanahalli on Saturday. The deceased has been identified as Muniraju, while his son Murali, 32, who came to his father's rescue, was also attacked and has been admitted to the hospital.

The accused, Pramod, 37, who stayed close to Muniraju, used to take his pet dog out and allow it to poop in front of Muniraju's house. Muniraju used to object, but Pramod used to provoke him by smoking in front of his house and deliberately allowing his dog to poop in front of the house.

On Saturday, Muniraju saw Pramod standing with the dog in front of his house. A heated argument ensued, following which Pramod's wife Pallavi, 28, and friend Ravikumar, 38, joined in and attacked Muniraju with a cricket bat. Murali who rushed out to his father's rescue was also beaten up.

The police arrested Pramod, Ravikumar, and Pallavi.

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HARISHA .S, Advocate
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BENGALURU, Date : 11/04/2023

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This notice is issued on behalf of My client **Smt.A.B.Anuradha W/o Sri.A.B.Raj** to bring the notice of the general public that the **original absolute sale deed bearing doc No. 3526/1988-89 of Book-I, in Volum No.1563, Pages 58-63, Date.19.06.1989, executed by Sri. H.P.Someswara in favour of Smt. C.P.Aswatha Lakshmi W/o Sri.Panduranga Gupta** is missing / lost/ misplaced in respect of schedule property.

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This is to inform the general public that my client viz, Katragadda Jayashree W/o. Darapuneni Vijay Kumar, r/at. No. Flat No. 402, Indra Residency Lane-2, Opposite Lane to Sbh Ashok Nagara, Hyderabad - 500020 she is intended to purchase the below mentioned schedule property from its owner Sri N. Shashidar Reddy, S/o. Nanjankka Gari Sivasnkar Reddy R/at. No.30-11, Hundupuar, Ananthapuram District, Andra Pradesh-515201.

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This is to inform the General Public that our client **Sri.Manjunath.P,** aged about 49 years, Aadhar No.6923 7245 3469, Residing at No.380, 8th Cross Road, GPR Layout, Hebbagodi Village, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore-560100, represents that the Original Sale deed dated 12.10.2006/ 10.08.2006, Registered as Document No.ANK-1-23835/2006-07 in Book-1, stored in CD No.ANKD168 in the office of the Sub Registrar Anekal, executed by Smt.A.Saroja conveyed the Schedule property to in favour of Sri.M.C. Narayanaswamy and Smt.Sashikala, in respect to the **SCHEDULE PROPERTY** mentioned hereunder, is lost/misplace and not traceable.

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E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 .

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/ charged to the Secured Creditor, the constructive/physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of Rajapalayam of the Canara Bank., will be sold "As is where is", "As is what is", and " Whatever there is" on **19/05/2023** for recovery of **Rs.12,88,44,045.70** (Rupees Twelve Crores Eighty Eight Lakhs Forty Four Thousands And Forty Five And Paise Seventy Only) due as on 09/04/2023 with further interest and cost to the **Rajapalayam Branch of Canara Bank** from **M/s Chandra & Co** Represented by its Partner **Mr B Muruganantham & Mr.A.Alex Anburaj , Mr.P.Bose,** S/o. Pothi Nadar, **Mr.B.Muruganantham,** S/o Bose, **Mr.A.Alex Anburaj,** S/o. Arul Jeganathan, **Mrs.Mercy Aruna,** W/o A .Alex Anburaj.

Details of the immovable property (ies):

I) Name of the Title Holder - Mr.A Alex Anburaj, S/o R Arul Jeganathan & Mrs V Mercy Aruna, W/o Mr A Alex Anburaj.

SCHEDULE - A : All that piece and parcel of immovable property comprising of land with structure thereto earlier bearing site Nos.5 and 6 part of katha No.810, thereafter allotted Katha No.1633/B/810/B, Kodihalli, HA sanitary Board and assigned Corporation No.19, Rustom Bagh Main Road, Kodihalli in Corporation Ward No.19, Rustom Bagh Main Road, Kodihalli in corporation ward No.73, Varthur Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk and **bounded on the:-** North by : Private Property, East by : IAF Property, South by : Private Property, West by : Plot No.42. Totally measuring about 6615 Sq.ft.,

SCHEDULE B - 260.71 Sq.ft., Undivided share, rights, title and interest in the immovable property more fully mentioned and described in the Schedule 'A' above. The Total site area of the Schedule 'B' Property herein conveyed works out of 260.71Sq.ft.,

SCHEDULE 'C' - Apartment being No.603 in Fifth Floor having super built up area of 1196 Sq.ft., together with a car parking space in the basement of the multistoried building known as **"OXFORD MANOR**' constructed with RCC Roofing, Mosaic Flooring, Sal Wood and Steel Windows at composite property more fully mentioned and described in Schedule 'A' above together with proportionate share in all common areas and entitled to all common facilities. The schedule 'B' and 'C' property mentioned above has been assessed and allotted separate Corporation No.19/22 Rustam Bagh Main Road, Kodihalli in Corporation Ward No.73, Bangalore under a Special Notice No.ARO(JBN)DA73/KTR-847/1999-2000 dated 17-04-2000 issued by the Assistant Revenue Officer, Jeevanbeemanagar Range, Bangalore, Mahanagara Palike.

II) Name of the Title Holder - P.Bose, S/o Pothi Nadar & B Muruganantham, S/o P Bose.

Virudhunagar District, Virudhunagar Registration District, Seithur Sub Registration District, Seithur Village, Seithur Panchayat, Old ward No.10, New Ward No.5, Dhalavaipuram Road Northern side in Door No.5D/4, site measuring east west on the north by 113 ft, on the south by 102 ½, North South on East by 68 ft, on the West by 71 ½ ft thus totally measuring 7515.5625 sq.ft with R.C.C house building constructed therin doors, windows, superstructures, E.B Service connection No.JVN.639 fitted with ½ H.P Motor Pumpset bearing **bounded on the :-** West by - Compound wall of A.S.P.G. Subbiah Nadar, East by - East West 16 ft North South Street, South by - House belongs to Teacher Niraipandi, Common lane and vacant site belongs to Anantharamakrishnan., North by - Sizing building belongs to P.M.R. Subbiah Nadar and Common lane. The said property situated in Survey No.446/4 New Natham Survey No.446/4D. out of 1.33 acres western side northern end land measuring 13 ½ cents.

III) Name of the Title Holder - M/s Chandra and Co.,

Virudhunagar District, Virudhunagar Registration District, Seithur Sub Registration District, Chettiarpatti Village, Punja Survey No.284/2, 285/2B, 286/2B2C, plotted out as house sites namely Krishna Nagar providing roads etc., and the same was approved by the Town planning Deputy Director, Madurai in their preceedings 7/2003 dated 5.3.2003 and the same was again approved by the Executive Officer, Chettiarpatti Town Panchayat dated 21.1.2004 in this plot Nos.3 and 4 with terraced buildings windows etc. House bearing Door Nos.55B1/E, 55B1/F and 55B1/G measuring east west 70 feet, north south 60 feet thus totally measuring 4200 sq,ft **bounded on the :-** West by - Vacant site i.e plot no.2 belongs to K.Mahadevan Vagaiyara, North by - East West Street belongs to Chettiarpatti Town Panchayat, East by - Vacant site i.e plot no.5 belongs to K.Mahadevan Vagaiyara., South by - Vacant site i.e plot nos.11, 12 belongs to K.Mahadevan Vagaiyara. The above said property situated in Survey No.284/2, Naidu South Street, Ward No.5 and Chettiarpatti Town Panchayat.

Property Details	Reserve Price in Rs.	Earnest Money in Rs.
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House @ Seithur	88,20,000/-	8,82,000/-
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I, KABIR Malcolm Singh S/o Arun Singh, Resident of No. 622, Tower-6, Jal Vayu Tower, Temple Road, Benniganahalli, NGEF Layout, Bengaluru-560038 have changed my name from Kabir Malcolm Singh to Kabir Singh vide affidavi dt:11-03-2023 before Notary A.R.Muneer Ahmed, B'luru.

I, SRINIVASA Reddy Koramangala Chandrappa, R/a No: 147/J, Jambudvipa, 12th Mn, 3rd Blk, Koramangala, B'luru-34 have changed my name to Srinivas Koramangala Chandrappa vide affidavit dt: 11.04.2023 sworn before Notary Smt.A.Manjula, B'luru.

I, MAHESH Kumar B., S/o. Balasundaram P., R/o. No.15, Nandana Residency Layout, Dasarahalli, Hebbal, Bengaluru- 560024, have changed my name from Mahesh Kumar B. to Mahesh B Sundaram (i.e. Mahesh Bala Sundaram), vide affidavit, dated: 28/02/2023, sworn before Notary Public, T.C. Thimmaraja, Bangalore.

PERSONAL — CHANGE OF NAME

I, VEDAVALLI Subramanian, spouse of Late P.Subramanian resident of No.184, 9th cross, CIL Layout, Cholanayakana Halli, RT Nagar(Post), Bengaluru 560032 have changed my name from Vedavalli Subramanian to Veda Subramanian vide Affidavit dated 31/03/2023 at Bengaluru.

I, JOY Roshan Kannak Ayyapan Govind S/o Ayyappan Nair Kannak Govind R/o BA–1202, Birch A Wing, Salarpuria Greenage, Bommanahalli, Bangaluru, Karnataka–560068; have changed my name to Joy Roshan.

I, PRADEEP., S/o. Rizak Ram, R/o. No.344, Ranka Court Apartments, 18, Cambridge Road, Halasuru, Bengaluru- 560008, have changed my name from Pradeep to Pradeep Madhok, vide affidavit Reg. No. 182/21/1, dated: 11/04/2023, sworn before Notary Public, T.C. Thimmaraja, Bangalore.

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I, SERVICE No.622207-B, Rank-Ex-JWO, Name: Dharm Pal of (Unit): C/o AFRO, S/o Late. Tilak Ram, R/a No.305, Nilaya Apartment, Komaladevi Enclave, 2nd Cross, Vaderapura, Bengaluru-560063 have changed my name from Dharm Pal to Dharam Pal vide affidavit dt 10.04.2023 sworn before VI Addl. Cheif Metropolitan Magistrate, B'lore.

I, RAGHUTHAMAN K F/O Ranjith K born on 20/05/1963 residing at 8th street, 7th cross,Jogupalaya,Halsuru,Bangalore 560008,have changed my name to Raghuthaman E P vide affidavit dated 10/04/23 at Bengaluru (IN–KA3811355529026 4V)

LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE COURT OF THE 26th ADDL. CITY CIVIL JUDGE MAYOHALL UNIT AT BANGALORE (CCH-20)
O.S. NO. 26783/2022
Hg. 25/04/2023

BETWEEN :
Having its Registered office at LandMark, Race Course Circle, Vadodara- 390 007 and having its Corporate office at ICICI Bank Towers, Bandra Kurla Complex, Bandra (East), Mumbai-400 051 and its branch office at Mytree Centre, 4/10, Hosur Road, Bommanahalli, Bangalore- 560 068
Represented by its POA Holder
Sri. Pramodh Gurumallappa ...Plaintiff

And

Smt. M Girija ...Defendant

Summons to Defendant

To,
Smt. M Girija,
W/o Sri. Baskhar, Aged about 36 years, Dakshitha Milk & Food Products, 793, 19th Main, 5th Block, HBP Layout, Bangalore- 560 043

WHEREAS the Plaintiff has instituted above said suit against you for recovery of **Rs.11,91,545/- (Rupees Eleven Lakh Ninety One Thousand Five Hundred Forty Five Only)** together with interest @ 24% p.a., cost of the suit and to grant such other or further order relief. The above mentioned Defendant hereby summoned to appear before the Hon'ble 26th Additional City Civil & Sessions Judge (CCH - 20) in person or through a Counsel who can able to answer the claim made against you on 13/06/2023 at 11.00 a.m. failing which the suit is heard and disposed ex-parte.

Given under my hand the seal of the Hon'ble Court on this **25/03/2023.**

BY ORDER OF THE HON'BLE COURT
DEPUTY REGISTRAR, CITY CIVIL COURT MAYOHALL, UNIT BANGALORE

ADVOCATE FOR PLAINTIFF
SA Associates,
No.10, 7th Cross, Victoria Layout,
Bangalore - 560 047

LEGAL NOTICE

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING ATTENDANCE OF DEFENDANT
(ORDER 5, rule 20 of the Code of Civil Procedure)
In the court of Ms. Neha Garg
Civil Judge-01, Central
Room No. 41, Tis Hazari Courts, Delhi
Suit No. 2795/2019
Asha Ram & Sons Pvt Ltd
Versus
Abhiruchi Foods

To,
Def.: Abhiruchi Foods
Through its Partner/Manager, C/o Britannia Industries
Sy. No.-5/2, Beretana Agrahara,
Hosur Main Road, Behind Audi Car Showroom,
Electronic City, Bangalore-560100

WHEREAS you are intentionally evading service of summons it is hereby notified that if you shall not defend the case on **24-07-2023** at 10 O'clock the day fixed for the final disposal, it will be heard and determined ex-parte.

GIVEN under my hand and the seal of this court, this 23-03-2023.

Sd/-
Civil Judge-01, Central
Tis Hazari Courts, Delhi
Seal

IN THE COURT OF THE 26TH ADDL' CITY CIVIL JUDGE MAYOHALL UNIT AT BANGALORE (CCH-20)
O.S. NO. 25574/2020

Between
ICICI Bank Limited,
Having its Registered office at Landmark, Race Course Circle, Vadodara - 390 007 and having its Corporate office at ICICI Bank Towers, Bandra Kurla Complex, Bandra (East), Mumbai - 400 051 and its branch office at Mytree Centre, 4/10, Hosur Road, Bommanahalli, Bangalore - 560 068
Represented by its POA Holder Sri. Pramodh Gurumallappa ...Plaintiff

And

Vivek Chettri ...Defendant

SUMMONS TO DEFENDANT

To,
Sri. Vivek Chettri,
S/o. Sri. Kul Bahadur Chettri,
Aged about 35 years,
12/7, Swathi Mansion, 20J Cross, Ejipura, Viveknagar, Bangalore - 560 047

WHEREAS the Plaintiff has instituted above said suit against you for recovery of Rs.3,28,210/- (Rupees Three Lakh Twenty Eight Thousand Two Hundred Ten Only) together with interest @ 24% p.a., cost of the suit and to grant such other or further order relief. The above mentioned Defendant hereby summoned to appear before the Hon'ble 26th Additional City Civil & Sessions Judge (CCH-20) in person or through a Counsel who can able to answer the claim made against you on 12/06/2023 at 11:00 a.m. failing which the suit is heard and disposed ex-parte.

Given under my Hand and Seal of the Court on this 07/04/2023.

BY ORDER OF THE HON'BLE COURT
DEPUTY REGISTRAR, CITY CIVIL COURT, MAYOHALL UNIT, BANGALORE

ADVOCATE FOR PLAINTIFF
SA Associates,
No. 10, 7th Cross, Victoria Layout,
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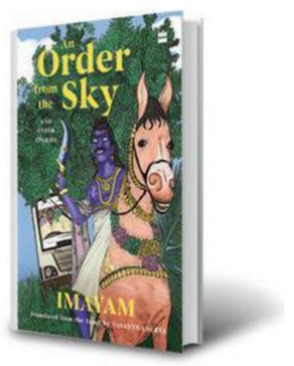

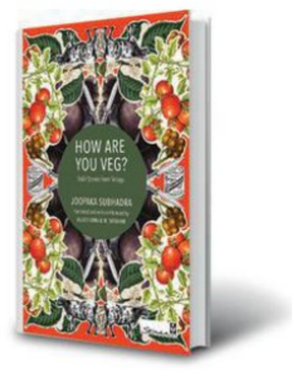

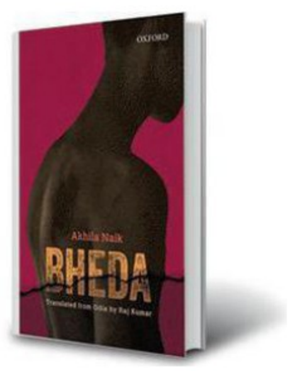

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Why Dalit writing is a social movement with the power to change lives

For #DalitHistoryMonth, chronicling the journey of Dalit writing in India with a selection of titles that showcase deeply entrenched caste prejudices, inequality and injustice, and why translating the stories into English and other languages is imperative

Mini Krishnan

For a very long time, the portrayal of Dalit concerns and Dalit lives, both through fiction and non-fiction, was by non-Dalits – a grave shortcoming – and till quite recently it was difficult for Dalits to reach publishing houses or periodicals not only because of prevailing literary tastes and caste prejudice, but also because of a genuine conviction on the part of publishers that the only things worth exploring were the drama, the preoccupations and the romance of middle-class families.

Therefore, the force of Dalit writing, when it reached print, with or without literary style, brought to a startled public a range of emotions and experiences hitherto completely unknown to them.

The industry of Dalit writing in English translation was slow off the blocks but picked up so rapidly that today, if an imprint does not host a Dalit list it is seen as a real gap in its publishing plan.

The saga of Dalit writing

The journey is interesting, and worth chronicling. Nine years ago, M.R. Renukumar edited a collection of stories by Dalit writers called *Njarukal: 23 stories* originally written in Malayalam. While working on the translation by Abhirami Girija Sriram and Ravi Shankar (commissioned by the Malayalam University project of translations in 2016) the editor/publisher told me, "The irony and self-reflection I see here are so far ahead of anything I've read ..."

A memorable half-page story in the anthology is 'In that Case, Don't Want Caste' in which a Scheduled Caste candidate, on being obliged to prove his caste category over and over again, shreds his certificate.

Aravind Malagatti's 1988 novel *Karya* translated by Susheela Punitha might well be called the Dalit answer to Samskara in the chaos and confusion described when intricate ceremonies attending Bangaravva's death rites go awry. Divisions between castes and communities flare up, every solution seems to have a new problem hidden in it, and the panchayat struggles to pronounce justice.

It was a work I sourced and edited but did not have the luck to publish.

Society as protagonist

Four years in the making, *Changiya Rukh* (2001), the first Sikh Dalit autobiography, carries the author's wistful lines, "There have been great changes in the quality of wheat and cotton and even deserts have bloomed but has the life of peasant India improved?"

Translated by Tripti Jain, the book describes how the outcasts of Hinduism continued to be outcastes even after joining the Sikh panth. Like many ventures, what began as a short article on his grandmother for a journal, led to Balbir Madhopuri's full-scale autobiography.

Edited by P. Sivakami, herself a distinguished Dalit writer with novels and an autobiography in print, *In Defiance* is a collection of fiction by Vitasta Books co-published with the Tamil Nadu Textbook Corporation. It is probably the only anthology which carries a story about language politics, the stand-off between Sanskrit and Tamil.

The original title of the story 'The Unique Letter', beautifully translated by V. Ramakrishnan, is a single Tamil letter '஼'.

In the same programme is an anthology of Imayam's stories *An Order From the Sky* translated by Vasantha Surya. Imayam says that his chief protagonist is society itself. His stories are breakneck, intelligent, social "thrillers."

The man looked around the shrine. No one was about. Nothing – not a crow, not one sparrow – except the wind.

"Shall I go to work today, or not?" he whispered to the god. "Give the command. Unless the gecko arrives and gives me a sign, I won't go. And that, too, it must not call from my left – that's the shit-wiping hand. If I treat that as a lucky omen, the job I'm on won't see the light. That lizard must call from the right side, near the hand I eat with. Otherwise, it won't work, do you understand? The job won't get done. It'll get dark, soon. Hurry up! Show me the sign. "

From Stree Samya comes Joopaka Subhadra's *How Are You Veg?* Translated by M. Sridhar and Alladi Uma, in it is a true story about a 10-year-old who risks parental displeasure and lends her spare school uniform to her Dalit classmate. Her parents are outraged. But the child knows she has done the right thing.

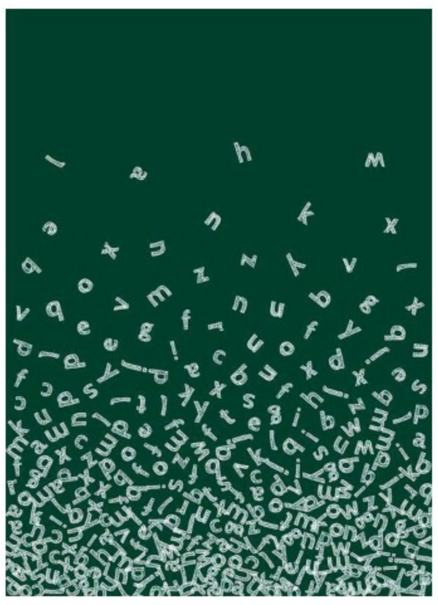
Another "story" based on facts is the subtle avoidance of a Dalit woman by her non-Dalit office mates at lunch time. "How is it that you are veg? They ask, to which she asks, "Are not milk and ghee products of the flesh and blood of the cow?"

My last selection is Akhila Naik's *Bheda*, the first Dalit novel to appear in Odia. It is a poignant story of rebellion and betrayal within communities.

"Reading Bheda was difficult. Being a victim of casteism in a different time and space I repeatedly revisited my past and thought about my present," says the translator, Raj Kumar.

Dalit writing is more than writing. It is a social movement with the power to change lives.

Mini Krishnan is the coordinating editor of the Tamil Nadu Textbook and Educational Services Corporation



FROM THE ARCHIVES

Know your English

K. Subramanian

"Mr. Ramabhadran, Hospital Road, Ootacamund wants to know whether there is any difference between 'at any cost' and 'at all costs.' He wonders why 'at any cost' is not mentioned in the Concise Oxford Dictionary."

"Both mean the same. They mean 'no matter what it may cost.'

I shall bail you out at any cost.

He promised to educate her at all costs.

'At any cost' is in the Concise Oxford Dictionary (1883 edition)."

"Mr. R. P. Singh, Karolbagh, New Delhi, wants to know the meaning of 'blackboard jungle.'"

"A blackboard jungle is a school marked by indiscipline and lawlessness. This expression is from *The Blackboard Jungle*, the title of a book written in 1954 by the American writer, Evan Hunter. The book deals with juvenile delinquents in a vocational school in New York city."

"Ms. K. R. Bhatnagar, Chandigarh, wants to know the difference between 'use' and 'utilise'."

" 'Utilise' is used extensively by government officials end businessmen in the sense of 'use.' Somehow they seem to think that this is a better, grander word. But careful writers make a distinction between 'utilise' and use.' Originally 'utilise' was used to mean 'making the best use of something that wasn't intended for the job.'

She utilised the gas lighter to open that box.

Now it is used in the sense of 'to make productive use of, to exploit profitably.'

You must utilise every pie that you have with you for the welfare project.

Think before you use 'utilise.'"

"Mr. David H. John, Vallaba Agraharam Street, Triplicane, Madras, wants to know the meaning and pronunciation of 'infra dig.'"

" 'Infra dig' is a colloquial expression. It means "beneath one's dignity,' 'undignified.'

He considers it infra dig to come is my place.

She considers it infra dig to speak in her mother tongue.

"infra dig' is from Latin 'infra dignitatem'. 'Infra' means 'below, beneath,' 'dignitatem' means 'dignity.' The 'i' in 'Infra' and 'dig' is pronounced like the 'i' in 'hit.' The 'a' in 'infra' is pronounced like the 'a' in 'China.' The 'g' in 'dig' is pronounced like the 'g' in 'go'."

"Readers may be interested in the following letter I received a few months age from a teacher with an M.A. in English:

I humbly put forth before you that I am sending my degree and its copy herewith for your perusal. I request that the aforesaid may be returned to me in post-haste. I beg your pardon for my oblivion."

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Sindhu Nagaraj

QUESTION 1
The Vostok 1 that took Gagarin to space was launched from which spaceport? Apart from Vostok 1, which artificial satellite was launched from the same airport, triggering the space race in 1958?

QUESTION 2
He was a lead Soviet rocket engineer and spacecraft designer during the Space Race. He was involved in the Vostok program and is regarded by many as the father of practical astronautics. What is his name?

QUESTION 3
Gagarin's farewell to the lead space engineer using this phrase which translated meant, "Off we go!", later became a popular phrase in the Eastern Bloc, used to refer to the beginning of the Space Age. What is the expression?

QUESTION 4
How long did Gagarin circle the Earth aboard the Vostok 1 spacecraft?

QUESTION 5
On April 12, 1981, exactly 20 years after Vostok 1, a space shuttle was launched for its first orbital flight. What is the name of the shuttle?

QUESTION 6
This is an international celebration held every April 12 to commemorate milestones in space exploration. Also called the World Space Party, this was celebrated for the first time in 2001. What is the name of the celebration?

QUESTION 7
In a 2010 Space Foundation survey, Gagarin was ranked as the sixth-most-popular space hero, tied with this fictional character from Star Trek. Which character did he tie with?

Visual question:
How is this fighter jet related to Yuri Gagarin?

Questions and Answers to the previous day's daily quiz: 1. The longest serving Chief Minister of Karnataka. **Ans: Devaraj Urs**
2. The SC judgment of 1994 which curbs the blatant misuse of Article 356 has the name of this former CM. **Ans: S. R. Bommai**
3. This person is known for being the last president of an undivided Indian National Congress. **Ans: S. Nijalingappa**
4. This former CM of Karnataka has also served as an acting President of the country. **Ans: B.D. Jatti**
5. This CM was also a protagonist in the film called *Marana Mrudanga*. **Ans: Ramakrishna Hegde**
Visual: Identify the two Prime Ministers. **Ans: Chandra Shekhar and H. D. Deve Gowda**
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Word of the day

Quandary:
a situation from which extrication is difficult especially an unpleasant or trying one; state of uncertainty or perplexity especially as requiring a choice between equally unfavourable options

Synonyms: plight, predicament, dilemma

Usage:
I am caught in a quandary as I have to make a choice between the interns.

Pronunciation: bit.ly/quandarypro

International Phonetic Alphabet: /ˈkwɒn.də.ɹi/, /ˈkwɒn.dɹi/

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MBBS student found dead in hostel

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

A 24-year-old MBBS student allegedly ended his life at the hostel of Bangalore Medical College on Monday.

The deceased, Naveen Kumar Kadkol from Dharwad, had left a note in his shirt pocket, apologising to his parents for the extreme step. The note was recovered by the police, who are probing to ascertain the reason.

The incident came to light when his roommates, who had gone to their hometown, returned and found the door locked from the inside.

After repeated knocks, when there was no response, they alerted the hostel management, who alerted the police before breaking open the door. The V.V. Puram police have registered a case of unnatural death and are investigating.

(Those having suicidal tendencies can call Arogya Sahayavani Ph: 104 for help)

Probe against police sub-inspector for misbehaving with woman

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

A police sub-inspector allegedly misbehaved with a woman who had come to Suddaguntepalya police station to submit a statement in a dowry case on April 8.

The woman later posted her ordeal on social media, tagging the Bengaluru police, which went viral. Taking cognisance of the incident, DCP (southeast) C.K. Baba initiated a probe and advised the woman to file a complaint for further investigations. The accused PSI, Manjunath Swamy, not only allegedly touched her inappropriately, but also took her contact number, asked her to give him a call, and sent her a message wishing her for Easter, according to the complainant.

Police are examining CCTV footage to corroborate the allegations.

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A restroom, a day off to vote... construction workers continue to ask for the bare minimum

Good education for their children, free and safe drinking water in all areas, and free treatment and medicines for their families are needs that are still not being met

Jahnavi T.R.
BENGALURU

Forty-five year old Padma (name changed) takes a break from her work, a road construction project near Yelahanka, to answer nature's call at a nearby vacant site. Trying to escape the eyes of passers-by, she makes her way back to the construction site again. When asked what she is looking forward to from the upcoming elections, she says, the disappointment clear in her tone,: "Elections do not matter to me. Sure, I will cast my vote because I have promised my local leader in Raichur, but no government can truly relieve me from my hardships which include searching for vacant sites (at places where there are no bathrooms)".

For Ms. Padma and a bunch of women working with her, the elections do not hold much meaning. "I started working in Bengaluru around 15 years ago. From then, till now, I have seen this city change. Not much has changed for me though. Our basic demands like good education for our children, free and safe drinking water facilities at all areas, and free treatment and medicines for our family members have not been met by any government," chimed in Saroja (name changed), another construction worker.

These construction workers come from their hometowns to the bigger cities in search of better quality of life and facilities. However, most of the facilities are inaccessible to them due to red tape surrounding government schemes.

Construction workers lament that most of the time, they are not even aware of the schemes governments roll out for them. FILE PHOTO

The workers complained that most times, they are not even aware of the schemes governments come out with.

"Until the pandemic, many workers did not even know that we were supposed to get money under the Labour Welfare Board scheme. Only during those times, we found out that the government has apportioned some money for us. We expect whoever comes to power next to reach out to the common people like us and tell us what schemes they have for us, so that we are at least aware," said Mangala, a construction worker in Krishnarajapura.

Other demands of this sector include the issuance of labour kits to every worker, scholarships for children, and the facility to claim insurance quickly in case of accidents.

When an accident occurs, these workers said that they are not able to claim insurance through their labour card if they are not taken to a listed government hospital.

"When there is an accident on the site, our first priority is to save lives. The contractor also immediately sends us to the nearest hospital, even if it is private. The government should enforce rules under which we can claim our insurance at all hospitals," said Nanjappa, another construction worker in the northern part of the city.

Karnataka Votes 2023

According to Karnataka State Building and Other Construction Federation general secretary K. Mahantesh, there are around 15,000 to 20,000 labourers in every constituency.

"There are thousands of labourers in every constituency and only 400 to 500 labour kits are being issued. This should not be the case. Similarly, when construction workers get into accidents, they are not able to claim their insurance through their labour card if the hospital they are taken to is not a listed government hospital. How can they look for such hospitals during an emergency?" Mr. Mahantesh said.

With workers often in different towns and cities, returning to their native constituencies to vote is a hassle if the contractors do not agree. "The government should announce that the construction workers should be given a holiday to vote and come back without loss of pay," the workers demanded.

(This is the second part of a series on what people want - people from sectors whose voices are often unheard, and who are not on the top of priorities in vote-bank politics.)

Brookfield Layout residents create their own parking space to tackle traffic problems

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

While complaints about the traffic and parking menace in the city are commonplace, residents of Brookfield Layout recently came up with their own solution - a traffic management plan for a narrow, congested road in the locality. After noticing that haphazardly parked cars and other vehicles were the root cause of the problem, they set up a parking space on an empty site for which they are now paying a monthly rent of ₹35,000.

"There is a very big school which does not allow parents' vehicles inside, and as a result, they would all park their cars on the road. Hence, we spoke to the owner of the empty site opposite the school, cleaned it up and set up a parking space where around 20 cars could be parked at once. Not just the vehicles which come to the school but we are also encouraging those who come to the nearby commercial shops and to the apartment to use the space," said Kaustubh Shantanu, treasurer, Brookfield Layout Residents (BLR).

Citizens have started a crowd-funded traffic management system in Brookfield. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

"A total of ₹13 lakh has been raised for this project through crowdfunding", Mr. Shantanu said. Along with the installation of signage, the volunteers from the locality take turns three times a day (peak hours for the school) to guide the cars to park at the space. Besides, the residents have also concretised the muddy patches on the roads and installed sturdy drain caps to ensure that two wheelers can park there instead of on the road.

Started two months ago, the plan seems to have yielded good results. "As the road near the school is very narrow, during the peak hours, especially around 7-8.30 a.m., the traffic situation here used to be a mess. People would wait for 10-15 minutes to move on from the traffic jams. Now, with this new norm not to park near the school, we have rarely seen any incidents of traffic jams," said Vidya Rao, another resident.

In October last year, the same group repaired dug-up patches on their roads through crowdfunding. When asked why they did not approach traffic police or other officials, Arvind Keerthi, a member of BLR said, "If you approach bureaucracy, they have standard measures for all problems. On a local level, most problems do not fit into this model. When it comes to consulting the stakeholders, our opinions are not held in high esteem. That is why it is important for local residents to come together and solve such problems."

Ahead of elections, BBMP asks IT/BT firms to form voter awareness forum

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

To improve voter turnout in the coming Assembly elections, the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) is organising a voter-awareness drive in the IT and BT industries in the city.

The BBMP, along with Outer Ring Road Companies Association (ORRCA), on Tuesday, held an awareness drive at Manyata Business Park. At the event, BBMP Chief Commissioner Tushar Giri Nath, also the District Election Officer, said all business parks and IT/BT companies should form a voter awareness forum to spread awareness about voting for the success of the democracy.

The lowest voter turnout in the State in the past elections has always been from the IT hub of Bengaluru. According to the Election Commission, against the 72.44% voter turnout in Karnataka during the 2018 Assembly elections, the four divisions in Bengaluru – BBMP South, North, Central and Bengaluru Urban – had recorded around 55% polling. Over 88% of the 8,615 polling stations in these four divisions (across the 28 Assembly constituencies) are in urban areas.

In 2013 too, as against the 71.83% polling in the State, the IT hub had recorded 52.83% polling. In 2008, it was even worse at 47.3% in the four Bengaluru electoral divisions. While the voting percentage in BBMP South was 55.04% in 2013, it further fell to 51.98% in 2018. In BBMP North, the voting percentage declined from 56.58 in 2013 to 53.47 in 2018. Likewise, in BBMP Central, the voting percentage dropped from 57.71 in 2013 to 55.18 in 2018. In Bengaluru Urban, it fell from 62.03% in 2013 to 57% in 2018.

To improve voter turnout in the city, BBMP has already started an awareness drive with residents' welfare associations and other civic groups. In association with IISc, start-ups, educational institutions, and IT professionals, the EC has been conducting an 'Electhon' in the city.

'Early Learner Assessment' tool to assess children's development launched

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

"When should you wash your hands?" "Why should you wash your hands?" "What makes you happy?" "Stand on the stool and jump from there."

These are some of the questions and prompts included in the new Early Learner Assessment (ELA) tool, an open-access handbook, which will help in the assessment of children between three to five years of age, launched by Azim Premji University on Tuesday (April 11).

The ELA will assess the child in a comprehensive manner across five domains of development – physical, cognitive, language, social, emotional, and creative and aesthetic expression. It has also been specifically developed in an Indian context based on extensively analysed data and has also been widely field tested. The evidence-based tool has been developed in a manner that can be easily administered in anganwadi settings.

Culturally appropriate

"It is culturally appropriate because it is based on the standards of development generated specifically for Indian children. Also, the items, language, materials, pictures, and examples used are contextualised for the anganwadi setting," an excerpt from the handbook said.

Children attending any early childhood programmes like anganwadi, balwadi, nursery school, kindergarten or any other preschool education centre can be assessed with ELA. They should either engage in a conversation with the assessor or engage in activity with the provided materials as per the instructions of the assessor while being assessed. The process will take an hour's time and could be spread across two days, the developers said.

Tracking progress

"This tool can be used to collect both cross-sectional and longitudinal data as it captures the current level of development of the children, and can also track their progression to higher levels of development over a period of time within the pre-school period of 3 to 5 years. It is a performance-based tool," another excerpt said.

The handbook is expected to benefit researchers involved in the study of the development of young children. "Assessing a child's developmental and learning outcomes will allow us to understand her current level of competencies and the quality of the preschool programme. This will help in designing and modifying the preschool environment to help children achieve their developmental potential," said Kinnari Pandya, Associate Professor, Azim Premji University.

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04	68/3	0	7.5	Sy No.68/2	Sy No.71/4 & 69	Sy No.68/1	Sy No.67
05	69	0	18	Sy No.68/1 & 3	Sy No.71/3	Sy No.71/3 & 70/3	Sy No.71/4
06	70/1	0	6.25	Sy No.65/1	Sy No.70/4	Sy No.72/3	Sy No.70/2
07	70/7	0	6.5	Sy No.70/6	Sy No.71/1	Sy No.72/3	Sy No.70/2
08	70/5	0	3.5	Sy No.70/4	Sy No.70/6	Sy No.72/3	Sy No.70/2
09	70/6	0	2.75	Sy No.70/5	Sy No.70/7	Sy No.72/3	Sy No.70/2
10	71/1	0	16	Sy No.70/1	Sy Nos.95/3	Sy Nos.72/1	Sy Nos.71/2
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19	82/6	0	11	Sy No.82/3	Sy No.86	Sy No.82/1	Sy No.82/5
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22	76/2	0	4.25	Sy No.76/3	Sy Nos.76/1	Sy No.80/3 & 4	Sy No.75/3
23	76/3	0	4.25	Sy No.76/4	Sy No.76/2	Sy No.80/3 & 4	Sy No.75/3
24	76/4	0	4.25	Sy No.76/5, 6 & 7	Sy No.76/3	Sy No.80/3 & 4	Sy No.75/3
25	76/5	0	4.75	Sy No.76/6 & 74/1	Sy No.76/4	Sy No.76/6	Sy No.75/3
26	76/6	0	7.5	Sy Nos.76/8	Sy No.76/4 & 5	Sy No.76/7	Sy No.76/5 & 74/1
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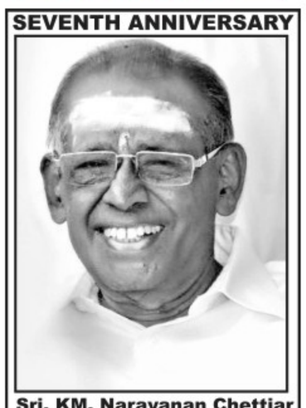

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Oppn. raking up Amul row to target 50 lakh farmer families: KMF chairman

He says political vested interests are trying to use the ongoing controversy to create a bad image of the BJP

The Hindu Bureau
BELAGAVI

Amidst the controversy over Amul's entry into the Bengaluru market, Karnataka Milk Federation (KMF) Chairman Balachandra Jharkiholi on Tuesday said the row has been instigated by the Opposition parties who are politicising the issue, keeping an eye on the elections.

"I do not know why senior leaders like Siddharamaiah and D.K. Shivakumar, who have vast administrative experience, are making allegations. I think it is because over 50 lakh farmer families are connected with KMF. Political vested interests are trying to use the ongoing controversy to create a bad image of the BJP," he told reporters, adding that there was no proposal to merge KMF with Amul.

KMF has the competitive advantage of buyer-seller networks and dedicated production units and cold chain, said federation chairman Balachandra Jharkiholi. FILE PHOTO

He clarified that he was the lone director on the KMF board with an affiliation with the BJP. "All the other 18 directors belong either to the JD(S) or the Congress, he said.

"Some political leaders are making such allegations. All of them are false and baseless. Neither are there any such developments, nor will we allow them," he said. "Even if the Union government were to make any attempt to absorb KMF into any federal agency or multi-state cooperative agency, I will personally oppose it. Both are independent entities with elected management bodies. They cannot be merged. One cannot take over the other. It is impossible," Mr. Jharkiholi said.

"Some people are citing Cooperation Minister Amit Shah's statement made in Mandya about the milk cooperative sector. The Union minister did not say anything about the merger of the two federations. He only spoke about the two working together to serve a bigger market."

When asked about the statement of Jayen Mehta, GCMMF MD, that it was planning to enter untapped markets using modern marketing techniques, including the opening of exclusive Amul showrooms in six months, Balachandra Jarkiholi said it would pose no threat as KMF was inherently strong.

He conceded that the financial strength of Amul was three to four times more than that of KMF but said that KMF had the competitive advantage of buyer-seller networks and the dedicated production units and cold chain.

He claimed that he had opposed Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) free trade zones and that he had worked with GCMMF and other federations to create awareness against it in 2020. "We sent over 25 lakh letters to the Prime Minister's Office and Mr. Shah's office against this move. Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Mr. Shah have assured us that such proposals will not be brought forth again," he said.

Mr. Jharkiholi clarified that the recruitment examination in the KMF was done with 'utmost transparency', and there were no irregularities involved. "Just because we outsourced the recruitment process to the Institute of Rural Management, Anand, we are facing allegations of recruiting north Indians and Gujaratis. That is baseless," he said.

Workshop on underwater rescue and retrieval from railway coaches

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The underwater rescue and retrieval training at IRIDM at Hejjala, off Mysuru Road near Bengaluru, on Tuesday. K. MURALI KUMAR

The Indian Railways Institute of Disaster Management (IRIDM) in collaboration with the National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) and State Disaster Rescue Fund (SDRF) is conducting a five-day workshop from April 10 to 14 on specialised training for underwater rescue and retrieval from railway coaches.

The workshop aims to provide practical training to rescue personnel on how to undertake complex underwater rescue operations in case of emergencies such as floods, train derailments, or accidents involving submerged coaches. The training will focus on equipping rescue personnel with the necessary skills and equipment to carry out rescues safely and efficiently. V.V.S. Sreenivas, the director of IRIDM said, "The idea of this course was a recommendation by the higher authorities and ₹7 Crore were allocated for the same. But we could not make much progress for a long time." The IRIDM Bengaluru campus was commissioned in 2018 and the Zonal Railways procured Ultra Thermic Cutting equipment for cutting metal bodies underwater.

"Our target (during the training) was to rescue 100 bodies in three hours but we have done it in under two hours. This is an encouragement for us to move forward," he said. He further added that the South Western Railways have the equipment required for rescue operations but lack the confidence and the expertise required to carry out these operations underwater. He said that the hydraulic devices that the South Western Railways had are not certified for underwater use and they have requested other departments to send the equipment for the training. "That is why we have consulted with NDRF and SDRF," he said.

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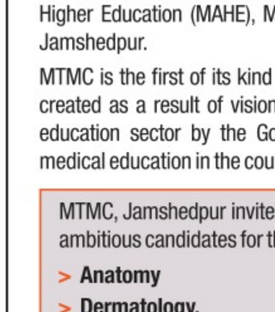
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Hurt by high command's suggestion that I retire from poll politics: Shettar

As a former Chief Minister, I deserve some respect, he says, asking the Bharatiya Janata Party central leadership to reconsider its decision and allow him to contest the election again

The Hindu Bureau
HUBBALLI

The Bharatiya Janata Party high command has encountered unexpected resistance from the former Chief Minister and senior leader Jagadish Shettar to its suggestion that he should retire from electoral politics to make way for youngsters.

The six-time MLA has not only publicly said that he is hurt by such a suggestion from the high command but has also urged the high command to reconsider its decision.

Disclosing this to media persons in Hubballi on Tuesday, Mr. Shettar said, "As a former Chief Minister, I deserve some respect."

> First, I was deeply hurt by the development. It is not just Hubballi-Dharwad, but I have served for 30 years contributing towards building and strengthening the party in the whole of North Karnataka. I have been a loyal worker and I don't have any black spot in my long political career. It seems my loyalty has become my minus point.
>
> **JAGADISH SHETTAR**
> Former Chief Minister

'Loyalty a minus point'

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"I sought to know the reason for the high command asking me not to contest this time. I also sought to know whether there was anything negative in the survey on my candidature. According to my knowledge, 70% have endorsed my candidature. Central leaders said that there is nothing negative in the survey," he said.

Confident of ticket

Mr. Shettar said that if the high command really wanted him to retire from electoral politics, they should have called him two-three months earlier and conveyed to him their thinking.

"But it is not right to say this with just two days left for the start of nomination papers. As a former Chief Minister I deserve some respect for what I have done for the party. In fact, I have already started campaigning and people have welcomed me with open arms. Even supporters of other parties have appreciated my work. So I have conveyed to the high command to reconsider their decision and allow me to contest again. I am confident that the high command will respect people's opinion in the constituency," he said.

In the list released on Tuesday, the party did not announce the candidate for Hubballi-Dharwad Central Assembly constituency, leaving the Shettar camp in a dilemma.

Replying to a query, Mr. Shettar said that he made it clear to the party that he will contest the election and win the seat with a record margin. He also said that while speaking to the high command he made it clear that he is not in tune with its suggestion of him withdrawing from contest.

To another query, he said that he belongs to a family of BJP leaders that has been with the party from the days of Jan Sangh and such a family deserves some respect from the party high command.

He also said that he did not wish to comment on K.S. Eshwarappa's decision to retire but said that he will be in active politics for another 10 years. To another query, he said that he has spoken to the former Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa, but declined to divulge details.

Gujarat example

It may be noted that the BJP replaced 38 of its sitting MLAs, particularly senior leaders, with new faces in the Gujarat Assembly polls in which the party registered a landslide victory.

BJP's OBC face Eshwarappa retires from electoral politics

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU/HASSAN

Bharatiya Janata Party veteran leader and former Deputy Chief Minister K.S. Eshwarappa on Tuesday announced retirement from electoral politics, just ahead of the release of the first list of candidates by the saffron party.

Mr. Eshwarappa, who represents Shivamogga in Karnataka Assembly, has written to BJP national president J.P. Nadda in which he has requested not to consider him for candidature from any constituency. In the two-para letter, Mr. Eshwarappa has expressed his gratitude to all the party seniors for providing him various positions right from the booth level to that of Deputy Chief Minister in his political career spanning over 40 years.

> I'm concerned that the BJP has not been able to get a full majority on its own so far in the State. I have decided against contesting the polls so that I can focus on strengthening the party organisation and bringing it to power with a full majority.
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> **K.S. ESHWARAPPA**
> Former Deputy Chief Minister

Sons of Shivamogga

Speculation is rife that the 74-year-old Mr. Eshwarappa may have retired to enable his son Kanthesh to get ticket. It may be noted that earlier, veteran leader B.S. Yediyurappa, who too hails from Shivamogga district, announced retirement from electoral politics to make way for his son B.Y. Vijayendra. He is the third BJP MLA to announce retirement. Kundapur MLA Halady Srinivas Shetty too announced retirement from electoral politics a few days ago. It is being said that Mr. Eshwarappa was in a dilemma about continuing in electoral politics after he had to step down as Minister following the suspicious death of a contractor who had accused him of demanding commission to clear his bills. Sources close to him say that he was hurt that he was not taken back into the ministry despite the probe giving a clean chit.

Ayanur factor

Recently, BJP MLC Ayanur Manjunath had raised a banner of revolt against him by announcing his decision to quit as MLC in a bid to contest against Mr. Eshwarappa if he is given ticket to contest.

Mr. Eshwarappa, who is from the stables of the Sangh Parivar, has been the BJP's OBC face. He has contributed to the strengthening of the party organisation in the State and worked as its State president. He has also handled prominent portfolios including Power, Major Irrigation, Rural Development & Panchayat Raj.

Meanwhile, addressing a hurriedly called press conference at his residence in Shivamogga, Mr. Eshwarappa expressed concern that the BJP had not been able to get a full majority on its own so far in the State. He said he had decided against contesting the polls so that he could focus on strengthening the party organisation and bringing it to power with a full majority.

Asked if his son Mr. Kanthesh would contest from Shivamogga seat, Mr. Eshwarappa said the party would take the final call. "We will stand by the party's decision and work for the candidate chosen by the party," he said.

As the news of his decision to retire from electoral politics spread, many BJP workers rushed to his house in Shivamogga. A few raised slogans opposing his decision.

Since 1989

Mr. Eshwarappa started his career as MLA in 1989 from Shivamogga. He entered the Assembly, defeating Congress leader K.H. Srinivas. Since then, he has won the seat five times. He lost twice in 1999 and 2013.

Hailing the decision of Mr. Eshwarappa, Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai said, "This shows the BJP's culture of making way for youngsters after reaching a position of seniority. But look at the Congress. It has fielded 92-year-old Shamanuru Shivashankarappa."

Shivamogga did not figure in the list of constituencies for which the BJP announced candidates on Tuesday.

Election Commission seizes ₹17.36 cr. in 24 hours

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Election Commission has seized ₹17.36 crore in the last 24 hours. With this, the total seizures since March 29 when the Model Code of Conduct (MCC) came into force in Karnataka crossed ₹126 crore. This includes cash, liquor, drugs, and metals.

The EC had seized cash and articles worth nearly ₹58 crore even before the elections were announced (from March 9 to 27).

After MCC came into force, the amount of cash seized was ₹35.42 crore, while liquor worth ₹47.01 crore, narcotics worth ₹12.92 crore, precious metals worth ₹19.99 crore, and other items (freebies) worth ₹17.43 crore were seized, said a release from the office of the Chief Electoral Officer, Karnataka.

FIRs registered

A total of 1,042 FIRs have been registered and 7,422 non-bailable warrants were executed from the date of announcement of elections.

With money power being flagged off as a major concern in Karnataka, the Election Commission is likely to deploy more Central observers to keep an eye on the poll expenditure of political parties and candidates. As of April 10, the cumulative seizures of 2023 elections (from March 29 when the elections were announced) is 5.4 times more than the 2018 election seizures.

From Page One

52 new faces in BJP's first list of 189

The former Minister C.P. Yogeshwar will be taking on JD(S) leader and former Chief Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy in Channapatna.

As many as 11 incumbent MLAs have been replaced, including veteran leader B.S. Yediyurappa, who had already left his constituency to his son B.Y. Vijayendra, and Halady Srinivas Shetty, who had announced retirement from electoral politics.

Those replaced

Six-time MLA and Minister Angara has been denied the ticket while another Minister B.S. Anand Singh has been replaced by his son Siddarth Singh. The incumbent MLAs who did not get the ticket are Sanjeev Matandoor (Puttur), K. Raghupati Bhat (Udupi), Lalaji R. Mendon (Kaup), Anil Benake (Belagavi North), Mahadevappa Yadavad (Ramdurg), Ramappa Lamani (Shirahatti), and Gulihatti Shekhar (Hosadurga). Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai will contest from Shiggaon, party national general secretary C.T. Ravi from Chikkamagaluru, and Mr. Vijayendra, BJP State vice-president, will contest from Shikaripur. The party is yet to announce candidates for Shivamogga City, from where senior leader K.S. Eshwarappa's son is seeking the ticket, and Hubballi-Dharwad Central where the former Chief Minister Jagadish Shettar is resisting the party high command's efforts to convince him to take political retirement.

Similarly, it is yet to announce the candidate for Krishnaraja seat from where S.A. Ramdas was elected to the Assembly in the previous polls.

In Belagavi, the former Minister Ramesh Jarkiholi has managed to get the ticket for his follower and incumbent MLA Mahesh Kumathalli, scoring over the former Deputy Chief Minister and MLC Laxman Savadi who was keen to contest from this seat. Deceased Minister Umesh Katti's son Nikhil Katti and brother Ramesh Katti have been given the ticket while deceased Assembly Deputy Speaker Anand Chandrashekhar Mamani's wife has also been named as a candidate.

Former Bengaluru Police Commissioner Bhaskar Rao will be contesting from Chamarajpet while another retired IAS officer Anil Kumar will contest from Koratagere.

Sachidanand, a close aide of Mandya MP Sumalatha – who recently extended support to the BJP, has been given the ticket from Srirangapatna.

In all, the first list has eight women, 32 OBC candidates, 30 from SC communities, and 16 from ST communities. Profession and education-wise, it has nine doctors, five advocates, three academics, and 31 postgraduates. Releasing the list, Karnataka poll in-charge and Union Minister Dharmendra Pradhan said a democratic consultation process involving 25,000 grassroots-level workers had been taken up, right from district level to the State level.

Corruption can't be eliminated, but can be regulated: Ramalinga Reddy

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

While the Opposition Congress has been campaigning against alleged demand for 40% commission in civil contracts by members of the BJP government in Karnataka, the party's working president and seven-time MLA Ramalinga Reddy said on Tuesday that corruption "cannot be totally eliminated, but can only be regulated, like regulation of prices of commodities in the market."

"Corruption is everywhere in the world. In Karnataka too, the Congress cannot totally eliminate corruption. We can control the extent of corruption and regulate it, just like the government regulating prices," he said in response to a question whether the Congress would have zero tolerance towards corruption if elected to power.

Ramalinga Reddy

Participating in a meet-the-press programme organised by the Press Club of Bengaluru, Mr. Reddy said, "Corruption can be controlled by posting strict and efficient officers in various departments... If the Congress comes to power, we can reduce at least 75% of corruption in the government by providing a transparent administration and posting highly committed officials."

On the status of the BJP in the poll-bound State, he said there are no credible State-level leaders in the BJP after B.S. Yediyurappa was told to leave the Chief Minister's office, and the death of former Union Minister Ananth Kumar. The Congress has many State-level leaders to provide leadership to the State if elected to power, said Mr. Reddy, who handled many portfolios in various Congress governments.

On the JD(S), he said former Prime Minister H.D. Deve Gowda is not in a position to travel across Karnataka owing to his age.

Replying to a question of alleged appeasement of minorities by the Congress, he said, "The BJP is a *nakli* (fake) Hindu party, while the Congress is an all-inclusive party."

He hoped that the party would come to power on its own, and would provide a stable government.

'Not in race for CM's post'

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

KPCC working president Ramalinga Reddy ruled out his name from the race for the post of Chief Minister if the Congress comes to power after the Karnataka Legislative Assembly elections.

"Already, we have 2-3 contenders. I have no ambition of becoming the Chief Minister," Mr Reddy told reporters in Bengaluru. The Congress MLA said AICC president Mallikarjun Kharge can become the Prime Minister if the Congress is elected to power after the 2024 general elections. "Now the competition to become the Chief Minister (of Karnataka) is between Siddaramaiah and KPCC president D.K. Shivakumar," he said.

Election officials have no power to search or seize materials prior to poll declaration: HC

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Returning Officer (RO) or the election officials would not get any jurisdiction to search or seize any material before the announcement of elections, the High Court of Karnataka has said.

"Merely because they are appointed as officers for conduct of elections, they cannot use the said power before the declaration of elections. After the declaration of elections, the entire domain would be open, but not till then," the court observed.

Justice M. Nagaprasanna passed the order while declaring as illegal the action of the RO, Shivajinagar Assembly constituency, and the Inspector of Police, Shivajinagar, in seizing 530 bags containing rice weighing 25 kg each.

Under normal circumstance, the power of seizure of such material can be exercised by the authority/officers under the Essential Commodities Act, 1955, the court said.

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> **HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA**

A social worker

The RO and the Inspector of Police had seized the rice bags from the possession alleging that the material was being stored by petitioner, Ishthyak Ahmed, a social worker, on March 19, 2023. It was alleged that it was stored for distribution among the public for favouring the petitioner's candidature in the ensuing election.

However, the petitioner had claimed that he has been involved in charitable work from 15 years and has been engaged in distribution of food items and clothes to the needy during festivals like Ramzan, Dasara, Deepavali and Christmas every year. The petitioner also claimed that he had submitted bills before the RO for having purchased the rice from the APMC yard but the RO failed to consider his reply. The petitioner had also contended that RO had no jurisdiction for sezure then.

While directing the authorities to release the seized materials, the court, noticing that the Code of Election is in operation at present, imposed condition on the petitioner that he should not use the rice for distribution to anybody in the locality or even elsewhere. The petitioner has to intimate the authority on the place where he would store the rice. If the petitioner is found indulging in distribution of rice, then the election authorities are at liberty to take action against the petitioner in accordance with law, the court said.

I-T Dept. search on cooperative banks finds bogus expenditure of ₹1,000 crore

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

In a major search and seizure operation on cooperative banks in Karnataka, the Income Tax Department has detected bogus expenditure to a tune of ₹1,000 crore and seized unaccounted cash loans of ₹15 crore. The search also resulted in seizure of unaccounted cash of ₹3.3 crore and gold jewellery worth ₹2 crore.

The search comes at the time of Assembly elections during which cooperative banks play a crucial role in movement of money, and the management of the banks have been found to be generating unaccounted money through their real estate and other businesses. The unaccounted money has been brought back in the books of account by multiple layering through these banks, and the bank funds were routed without following due diligence through various firms and entities owned by the people in the management, a note from the I-T Department said without naming the cooperative banks that were searched on March 31.

16 premises searched

In all, 16 premises were searched and incriminating evidences in the form of hard and soft copies have been seized, it added. The note said that the cooperative banks have been found to be engaged in routing of funds of various business entities of their customers to abet them to evade their tax liabilities.

Explaining the modus operandi where cooperative banks were used as conduit, it said that they were involved in discounting bearer cheques issued by various business entities in the name of fictitious non-existing entities.

"These business entities included contractors and real estate companies and no KYC norms were followed while discounting the cheques," said the note.

INBRIEF

T.N. appeals against RSS march dismissed

The Supreme Court on Tuesday dismissed Tamil Nadu's appeals against Madras High Court orders allowing the RSS to conduct route marches in the State. "All special leave petitions are dismissed," said Justice V. Ramasubramanian, heading the Bench which gave the judgment. A single judge of the High Court allowed the marches in September last and imposed some curbs in November. In February this year, a Division Bench of the High Court removed the restrictions/conditions.

Actor under lens for his alleged link in gold firm fraud

The Economic Offences Wing of the CB-CID is probing the alleged link of actor-producer and BJP functionary R.K. Suresh with the accused who were arrested in connection with the now defunct Aarudhra Gold Trading Pvt. Ltd., a non-banking finance firm, which allegedly cheated many depositors. A senior officer said: "Suresh is in Dubai. We have taken action to summon him and will interrogate him about his links with the accused arrested in the case."

Kerala BJP praises PM's move to get support of minorities

The core committee of the BJP in Kerala met in Kochi on Tuesday and assessed that Prime Minister Narendra Modi's Easter day visit to the Sacred Heart Cathedral in Delhi boosted the confidence of religious minorities in the party. The party would strive to let everyone know that the Union government functioned on the principle of *Sabka Saath Sabka Vikas*, the core committee said.

'My disqualification biggest gift,' Rahul says in Wayanad

The Congress leader, accompanied by his sister Priyanka, visits Kerala for the first time after his removal as an MP; he makes scathing attack on PM for allegedly favouring the Adani Group

The Hindu Bureau
KALPETTA

A roadshow, under the banner 'Satyameva Jayathe', led by Congress leader Rahul Gandhi evoked a massive response in the hill town of Kalpetta here on Tuesday. This was Mr. Gandhi's first visit to Wayanad since his disqualification as an MP.

Braving scorching heat, Mr. Gandhi, who was accompanied by his sister and Congress leader Priyanka Gandhi Vadra and senior leaders of the United Democratic Front (UDF), rode on an open truck during the 30-minute roadshow.

UDF workers gathered in large numbers, waving the National Flag. Many held aloft placards reading "My house for you, Rahulji" and "We are with Rahul" to express solidarity with Mr. Gandhi.

Reaching out: Congress leaders Rahul Gandhi and Priyanka Gandhi wave at supporters during a roadshow in Wayanad on Tuesday. PTI

The police and security agencies appeared to have a tough time controlling the crowd.

Several leaders, including All India Congress Committee general secretary K.C. Venugopal, Leader of the Opposition V.D. Satheesan, Kerala Pradesh Congress Committee president K. Sudhakaran, senior leader Ramesh Chennithala and Indian Union Muslim League State president Panakkad Syed Sadiq Ali Shihab Thangal, accompanied Mr. Gandhi.

Addressing a public meeting at Kalpetta, Mr. Gandhi once again made a scathing attack on Prime Minister Narendra Modi for allegedly favouring the Adani Group.

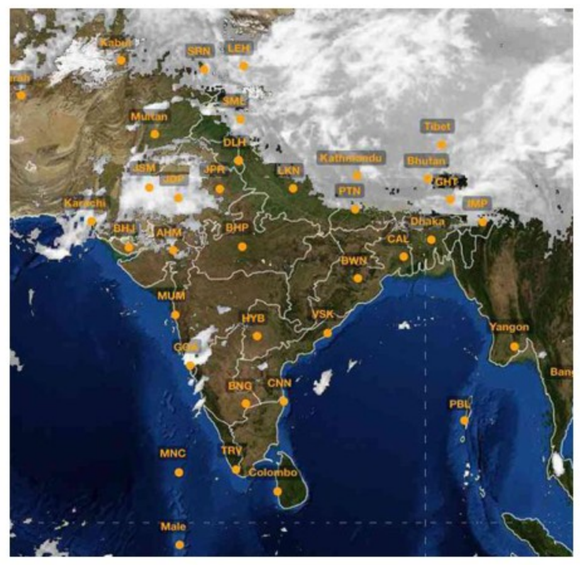
He said though he had repeated the question in Parliament about the relationship between Mr. Gautam Adani and Mr. Modi, he was yet to receive an answer.

Mr. Gandhi said the "uncomfortable questions" raised by him made him uncomfortable for some Ministers and this led to his disqualification as an MP.

However, the disqualification was "the biggest gift" to him as it has helped him realise that his deeds are correct, he said.

WEATHERWATCH

Rainfall, temperature & air quality in select metros yesterday



TEMPERATURE DATA: IMD, POLLUTION DATA: CPCB, MAP: INSAT/IMD (TAKEN AT 18.00 HRS)

Forecast for Wednesday: Thunderstorm accompanied with lightning likely at isolated places over central Maharashtra, Kerala and Mahe

CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN	CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN
Agartala	—	37.8	21.7	Kozhikode	—	37.0	27.6
Ahmedabad	—	41.0	26.2	Kurnool	—	41.4	24.4
Aizawl	—	35.8	14.1	Lucknow	—	37.0	19.2
Allahabad	—	40.0	19.2	Madurai	—	37.8	25.6
Bengaluru	—	35.7	20.7	Mangaluru	—	35.0	26.2
Bhopal	—	37.0	21.6	Mumbai	—	36.2	26.6
Bhubaneswar	—	40.7	25.0	Mysuru	—	35.9	24.2
Chandigarh	—	36.1	18.6	New Delhi	—	36.8	16.6
Chennai	—	36.0	25.3	Patna	—	39.2	20.6
Coimbatore	—	36.4	24.8	Port Blair	—	33.5	26.2
Dehradun	—	33.6	16.0	Puducherry	—	34.7	23.6
Gangtok	26	21.8	12.0	Pune	—	39.2	22.8
Goa	—	34.2	25.6	Raipur	—	40.0	25.3
Guwahati	—	35.8	18.6	Ranchi	—	36.2	23.2
Hubballi	—	39.0	22.0	Shillong	—	25.7	14.9
Hyderabad	—	37.7	22.5	Shimla	—	21.9	11.8
Imphal	—	31.6	16.3	Srinagar	—	25.1	7.1
Jaipur	—	37.0	22.4	Thiruvananthapuram	0.4	34.1	24.3
Kochi	—	33.2	26.8	Tiruchi	—	37.1	25.4
Kohima	—	25.4	14.0	Vijayawada	—	38.4	24.8
Kolkata	—	39.2	28.0	Visakhapatnam	—	34.0	27.6

(Rainfall data in mm; temperature in Celsius)

Pollutants in the air you are breathing

CITIES	SO_2	NO_2	CO	PM2.5	PM10	CODE
Ahmedabad	.38	.90	.57	102	110	
Bengaluru	7	.65	.32	29	66	
Chennai	3	.95	.62	77	71	
Delhi	.60	107	.28	284	338	
Hyderabad	6	.34	.45	116	144	
Kolkata	.12	.33	.16	244	127	
Lucknow	.24	133	.37	188	126	
Mumbai	7	.85	117	64	94	
Pune	104	142	116	124	95	
Visakhapatnam	—	—	.34	—	—	—

Yesterday

In observation made at 4.00 p.m., Byrnihat, Assam recorded an overall air quality index (AQI) score of 374 indicating an unhealthy level of pollution. In contrast, Damoh, Madhya Pradesh recorded a healthy AQI score of 28

Air Quality Code: Poor | Moderate | Good (Readings indicate average AQI)

SO_2: Sulphur Dioxide. Short-term exposure can harm the respiratory system, making breathing difficult. It can affect visibility by reacting with other air particles to form haze and stain culturally important objects such as statues and monuments.

NO_2: Nitrogen Dioxide. Aggravates respiratory illness, causes haze to form by reacting with other air particles, causes acid rain, pollutes coastal waters.

CO: Carbon monoxide. High concentration in air reduces oxygen supply to critical organs like the heart and brain. At very high levels, it can cause dizziness, confusion, unconsciousness and even death.

PM2.5 & PM10: Particulate matter pollution can cause irritation of the eyes, nose and throat, coughing, chest tightness and shortness of breath, reduced lung function, irregular heartbeat, asthma attacks, heart attacks and premature death in people with heart or lung disease

Telangana HC seeks further details in TSPSC question paper leakage

Marri Ramu
HYDERABAD

Justice B. Vijaysen Reddy of the Telangana High Court on Tuesday sought to know from the State government how many outsourced employees working for the Telangana State Public Service Commission (TSPSC) were issued hall tickets.

The judge sought details of how many of them appeared for the TSPSC exam and cleared it.

Justice Vijaysen Reddy passed this interim direction on a writ petition filed by National Students Union of India president Balmoori Venkat Narsing Rao seeking investigation into the TSPSC question paper leakage case by the CBI.

While Advocate General B.S. Prasad appeared for the State government, Supreme Court senior counsel Vivek Tankha presented arguments for the petitioner.

The A-G presented a report in sealed cover – which was prepared by Special Investigation Team of Telangana probing the case – to the court.

The judge asked the A-G if the petitioner's counsel can be permitted to access the SIT report so that it would enable them to assist the court in adjudication of the matter. The petitioner was not an aggrieved party and hence he should not be given access, Mr. Prasad said.

The matter was posted to April 24.

Power line project to affect 62,000 trees in Karnataka

R. Krishna Kumar
MYSURU

Within days of the National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA) red-flagging the decline in tiger numbers in the Western Ghats landscape, a proposal to divert 177.09 hectares of forests in the same area is slated to come up before the Central Empowered Committee of the Supreme Court on Thursday.

The project pertains to laying a 400 KV D/C Quad Transmission line from Goa to Tamnar, which seeks diversion of 177.091 hectares of forest land spread across Dharwad, Belagavi, and Uttara Kannada districts.

Of these, 101.74 hectares of forests is in Belagavi, 4.78 hectares in Dharwad, and 70.55 hectares in Uttara Kannada of which 30.41 hectares of forests is in Anshi-Dandeli Tiger Reserve.

River Kali flowing in the Western Ghats region of Uttara Kannada district. The project seeks diversion of 177 hectares of forest land spread across Dharwad, Belagavi, and Uttara Kannada districts. FILE PHOTO

The NTCA's Status of Tiger Report 2022 released on Sunday notes that though the tiger occupancy has increased in the eastern part of the Anshi-Dandeli landscape, it has declined in the border areas of Goa and Karnataka that includes Mollem-Mhadei-Anshi Dandeli complex. The proposed project entailing laying 400 kV transmission line from the existing power grid in Narendra in Dharwad district to Xeldem in Goa and the length is 94 km. Of the 94 km length, 72 km passes through Karnataka and 17 km in Goa. Out of 72 km forest route in Karnataka, the line passes through 38 km of forests across different divisions and about 6.6 km of line passes through the Anshi-Dandeli tiger reserve or the Kali Tiger Reserve.

Conservation activist Giridhar Kulkarni has written to the authorities to reject the proposal as the diversion of forests land would create additional biotic pressure on the adjoining forest areas The removal of native vegetation would result in the fragmentation of forests, loss of wildlife natural habitat, create imbalance in the function of the watershed, increase human-wildlife conflict, besides disturbing wildlife and also threaten the rights and livelihood of the local community, said Mr. Kulkarni. He told *The Hindu* that the project was yet to be placed before the Karnataka State Board for Wildlife though it was approved by its counterpart in Goa and the NBWL, the Supreme Court had favoured to lay the 400 kV line along the existing power line alignment.

According to experts, the total width of the 400 kV transmission line is 46 metres and hence, the vegetation clearance has to be 23 metres in width for the entire length.

The project, which was first envisaged in 2015, had been rejected by the then Principal Chief Conservator of Forests Sanjai Mohan in 2021 due to environmental and conservation imperatives. His report to the Additional Chief Secretary to Government, Forests, Ecology and Environment, had stated that 62,289 trees would be affected within the various forest divisions of the State, of which 15,946 trees were inside the tiger reserve alone.

It was also rejected by the Conservator of Forests and Field Director of Anshi-Dandeli Tiger Reserve in 2019 as it would lead to irreversible damage to flora and fauna of the tiger reserve.

'Microplastics shot up in soil after pandemic'

C.P.Sajit
KASARAGOD

A recent study jointly conducted by researchers from the Central University of Kerala (CUK) and the Manipal Institute of Technology has found a drastic increase in the presence of microplastics in the soil in Kasaragod town post the COVID-19 pandemic.

The study was conducted as part of a research project sanctioned by the Kerala State Council for Science, Technology and Environment (KSCSTE). It is significant as microplastics released from products such as face masks pose a serious threat to environment while their ecotoxicological impacts are unknown.

K. Sandeep, Assistant Professor, department of Geology at CUK, and one of the researchers, explained that plastic debris could be in all shapes and sizes. But those that are less than five millimetres in length are called microplastics, and they can harm soil, water, and life. Microplastics can affect soil properties, and organisms and microbes in the soil, besides entering the plant body and adversely impacting its growth.

Face masks are seen discarded indiscriminately in Kasaragod town. Their disintegration owing to sunlight and combustion could release microplastic fibres into the soil, Mr. Sandeep said. Microplastics in soil predominantly have polypropylene and high-density polyethylene compositions. The study also suggested proper disposal and management of plastic materials, including surgical masks and PPE kits.

Armed gang hacks rowdy to death

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

A 32-year-old rowdy sheeter was hacked to death by armed men on Jogupalya main road on Tuesday.

The deceased, Karthik, was involved in 13 criminal cases, said Bhimashankar Guled, DCP, East Division.

On Tuesday evening, Karthik, who was walking on Jogupalya main road, was intercepted by an armed gang. He tried to escape and went into a house, but the assailants chased him and hacked him to death.

The Halasuru police have taken up a case.

RRI signs MoU with Indian Navy

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Raman Research Institute (RRI) has joined hands with the Indian Navy to develop secure maritime communications using quantum technologies.

The Bengaluru-based institute inked a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Weapons and Electronics Systems Engineering Establishment (WESEE), the R&D establishment of the Indian Navy, last week.

RRI said that the MoU is five years, and under this agreement, RRI's Quantum Information and Computing (QuIC) lab will lead the research efforts towards developing quantum key distribution techniques that the Indian Navy could leverage in the nation's efforts towards securing free space communications.

"I am absolutely delighted that the Indian Science and Technology ecosystem has been opening borders in recent years that enable talented and world-class researchers in the academic research institutions to contribute to the growth of Science and Technology capabilities in strategic areas of national importance. The porosity of the perceived boundary between fundamental and applied sciences as well as Science and Technology, will bode well in the coming decades," said Professor Tarun Souradeep, director, RRI.

Professor Urbasi Sinha, Group Head, QuIC lab, said, "This is a great opportunity for us to use indigenously developed science and technology knowledge to serve our nation."

This lab has been leading the country's research in the field of secure quantum communication. Some of its major achievements include the development of an end-to-end simulation toolkit named "qkdSim", ensuring safety in communication platforms; establishing secure communication, both between two buildings and, more recently, between a stationary source and a mobile receiver.

Mission Arikompan: Kerala forest official to fetch satellite radio collar from Assam

The Hindu Bureau
IDUKKI

The Assam Chief Wildlife Warden (CWW) on Tuesday gave permission for handing over a satellite radio collar to the Kerala Forest Department. The device will be fixed on the wild tusker locally called Arikompan.

"A Forest Department official will reach Assam on Wednesday and is expected to bring the radio collar to Kerala by Wednesday night or Thursday morning," said a senior official of the department on Tuesday.

Jumbo issue: Arikompan seen at Cement Palam near Chinnakkanal in Idukki. FILE PHOTO

"A high-level meeting will be held in Munnar on Wednesday to form the final plan for darting the tusker. The Forest Department plans to conduct the mission without a trial run," said the official.

"The musth period of the tusker is nearly over. The expert team from Wayanad have completed all arrangements for the mission," said the official.

Meanwhile, the tusker attacked a house at Suryanelli in the early hours of Tuesday. The occupants – Leela, her daughter Sreelakshmi and her five-year-old daughter Arathi – were in the house. When the tusker attacked the front wall, they escaped to a nearby house. "It had destroyed a television and other items and also ate the rice stored in the house. It had attacked the house on April 19, 2017 and May 20, 2022," said Ms. Leela.

According to sources, the tusker attacked 18 houses after the Chief Wildlife Warden issued the order for darting it on February 21.

Change in status

Divergent fortunes of AAP, Trinamool and NCP are linked to the Congress

In most electoral democracies, where the first-past-the-post system prevails, competition results mostly in a duopoly, but India has been an outlier. This is largely because its vast federal set-up and diversity have led to the flowering of several regional parties that have become salient in their respective States. For the Aam Aadmi Party to be recognised as a national party by the Election Commission of India (ECI) in this milieu – there are six such now – is a creditable achievement for a force that emerged out of a popular civil society movement during the United Progressive Alliance's tenure. From notching up repeat victories in Delhi and capturing Punjab, to registering respectable vote shares in Gujarat and Goa, the party has grown into an electoral alternative in some States where the Congress is weak. This has allowed it to cross the threshold set by the ECI for "national party" recognition. That said, the AAP's distinguishing factor as a political force remains its record in Delhi where its municipal work has won it some accolades as a party focused on governance. Yet, the lack of a coherent ideology – it could tack to the right of the Bharatiya Janata Party at opportune moments or to the left of the Congress at times, while its positions on national and international issues remain inchoate at best, and its commitment to secularism remains tokenist in practice – is a limitation which could hurt it in the long run.

Three other parties have lost their "national party" tag – the Communist Party of India (CPI), the Trinamool Congress and the Nationalist Congress Party (NCP). The CPI has been in decline for decades, and even its limited electoral successes in States such as Kerala are a consequence of its alliance with a larger Left ally in the CPI(Marxist). The conditions that necessitated the Left split in the early 1960s are no longer relevant in a much changed world and both Left parties will be better off with a merger, at least for reasons related to ideological cohesion. The Trinamool and NCP are limited to West Bengal and Maharashtra, even though they recently won a small number of seats in Meghalaya and Nagaland, respectively. Both parties originated in the 1990s due to the differences their leaders had with the Congress's high command, but they have evolved differently since then. Unlike the NCP, the Trinamool has retained a relatively hostile posture towards the Congress. Its foray into Tripura was rendered fruitless as the Congress managed to make a relative comeback as an oppositional force while the NCP's differences with the Congress are no longer as salient as they were in the 1990s to help it grow at the latter's expense.

Building safeguards

Misuse of detention power renders need to stick to procedure paramount

The Supreme Court's observation that preventive detention laws are a colonial legacy and confer arbitrary powers on the state is one more iteration of the perennial threat to personal liberty that such laws pose. For several decades now, the apex court and High Courts have been denouncing the executive's well-documented failure to adhere to procedural safeguards while dealing with the rights of detainees. While detention orders are routinely set aside on technical grounds, the real relief that detainees gain is quite insubstantial. Often, the quashing of detention orders comes several months after they are detained, and in some cases, including the latest one in which the Court has made its remarks, after the expiry of the full detention period. Yet, it is some consolation to note that the Court continues to be concerned over the misuse of preventive detention. In preventive detention cases, courts essentially examine whether procedural safeguards have been adhered to, and rarely scrutinise whether the person concerned needs to be detained to prevent prejudice to the maintenance of public order. Therefore, it is salutary that the Court has again highlighted that "every procedural rigidity, must be followed in entirety by the Government in cases of preventive detention, and every lapse in procedure must give rise to a benefit to the case of the detenu".

Some facts concerning preventive detention are quite stark: most detentions are ultimately set aside, and the most common reason is that there is an unexplained delay in the disposal of representations that the detainees submit against their detention to the authorities. Failure to provide proper grounds for detention, or delay in furnishing them, and sometimes giving illegible copies of documents are other reasons. In rare instances, courts have been horrified by the invocation of prevention detention laws for trivial reasons – one of the strangest being a man who sold substandard chilli seeds being detained as a 'goonda'. An unfortunate facet of this issue is that Tamil Nadu topped the country (2011-21) in preventive detentions. One reason is that its 'Goondas Act' covers offenders who range from bootleggers, slum grabbers, forest offenders to video pirates, sex offenders and cyber-criminals. The law's ambit is rarely restricted to habitual offenders, as it ought to be, but extends to suspects in major cases. Across the country, the tendency to detain suspects for a year to prevent them from obtaining bail is a pervasive phenomenon, leading to widespread misuse. Preventive detention is allowed by the Constitution, but it does not relieve the government of the norm that curbing crime needs efficient policing and speedy trials, and not unfettered power and discretion.

Punjab — beware the Ides of March

M.K. Narayanan

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Three decades after sectarian violence mauled Punjab, the radicalist threat appears to be raising its head again. Eddies of this are already visible in areas of the globe where a sizeable concentration of the Sikh diaspora exists. Sectarian violence is hardly unknown to India, but what is not clear is why Sikh extremism has, of late, gained a new lease of life. The emergence of a self-styled Sikh extremist preacher, Amritpal Singh, modelling himself on Bhindranwale of yore is, hence, to be seen at best as a cover for something that has deeper roots.

Inaction will be dangerous

Resemblance of the 'impostor' to Bhindranwale is, at present, limited to style, lacking in substance, but it seems to be galvanising the extremist fringe among the Sikh youth, including the Sikh diaspora in Australia, Canada, the United Kingdom and the United States. The 'imposter's' attempts to revive the Bhindranwale mystique may be doomed to fail as the inner circle of the Bhindranwale coterie has declared that "there is no successor to Bhindranwale as yet". Yet, it cannot be denied that links have been established by this 'core group' with pro-Khalistan groups such as the 'Sikhs for Justice (SFJ), the Babbar Khasla, and the Khalistan Liberation Force (KLF)'. Hence, it would be a grave mistake to ignore what is happening.

In a country with a diverse population that has different religions, there is hardly any segment that has not, at one time or the other, displayed concern about feeling neglected, or even worse, discriminated against. What adds grist to the current situation, even though it is confined to a few districts in the Punjab, is memories of the 'dark days', from the late 1970s to the 1990s, which witnessed an orgy of violence, and of a Prime Minister of India having to pay the price for it with her life.

The real cause for concern is that the current security dispensation does not appear to have learnt the right lessons from past mistakes. The Bhindranwale phenomenon was not a sudden development, which, if properly handled, could have been checkmated well before 1984, and the subsequent violence leading to 'Operation Blue Star' and the damage caused to Akal Takht avoided. This was what inflamed Sikh opinion and the lesson was to ensure that this is not repeated any time in the future. Effecting the arrest of Amritpal Singh is but an initial step. More important is how to deal with him and his coterie.

Most important is to avoid treating all that is happening now as evidence of a foreign conspiracy – of Pakistan's Inter-Services Intelligence (ISI) and other like-minded forces – instead of facing up to the reality that this may be more than a mere emotional outburst of the Sikh extremist fringe, and that it could have deeper underpinnings.

> In tackling the threat posed by radicalised forces, as in Punjab, India should not yield to the temptation of resorting to strong-arm measures without understanding the true causes leading to the protests and violence.

All serious threats develop from misreading sentiments that remain unheeded by those in authority. Blaming the current violence on the drug mafia with links to Pakistan can at best be a proximate, but not the real cause. Hence, good intelligence is the key.

Prioritise intelligence analysis

One of the tragedies of intelligence today is that intelligence analysis has low priority. Modern gadgetry and the portrayal of intelligence agencies in the celluloid world as being peopled by swashbuckling heroes, employing futuristic weapons and carrying out impossible missions, are possibly a contributory cause for this. The real world of intelligence demands hours of painstaking hard work in difficult conditions to pick up nuggets of information, which then have to be carefully assessed and analysed by experts before being projected to policymakers.

Against this backdrop, it still bears mentioning that central and State intelligence agencies cannot have missed signs of growing insecurity among sections of Sikh youth and discontent prevailing among the Sikh peasantry essentially over the decline in their economic conditions, as also the threat posed to the Sikh religion from conversions to other religions, such as Christianity.

At the very least, Amritpal Singh's escapade of leading a mob armed with guns and other weapons to attack a well-protected police station (Ajnala, a few kilometres from the border of Pakistan) in February this year, should have alerted the authorities to what was taking place just below the surface. Amritpal Singh's anointment as the head of 'Waris Punjab De' last year again was a highly publicised event, which intelligence agencies and the authorities would have known and docketed for future consideration. In the normal course, all this would also have been shared with friendly intelligence agencies abroad, specially in countries where the Sikh diaspora is present in strength.

The events of January 2021, which witnessed violent protests over the now repealed farm laws also clearly mattered, for it was not merely a visible symbol of agrarian protest but also implicitly carried the seeds of self-determination that India believed it had put to rest by the late 1990s. What transpired in 2021 on the outskirts of the National Capital, thus needs to be revisited to determine whether there were also other factors leading to the protests and violence.

The sentiment for Khalistan has, no doubt, long existed among Sikh radicals residing abroad, but it is also important now to introspect as to whether there are incipient signs of a revival of the idea of Khalistan within the country. External forces such as the ISI can at best exploit a situation when such ideas are present. Merely repeating, ad nauseam, that Pakistan and the ISI are behind all the trouble could exacerbate a situation which possibly needs better handling, rather than resorting to strong-arm methods. The government and its agencies must, hence, avoid the temptation of conjuring up sinister designs and indirectly encourage 'fake news' of a worldwide conspiracy involving disparate elements of the Sikh community. There is much ground work to be done within the country.

Convincing the world is key

Where India, however, has conspicuously stumbled is that despite its vaunted claims of being in the forefront in fighting terrorism and radicalisation, both within the United Nations and outside, it has clearly failed by means of painstaking diplomatic efforts to convince much of the world of the true nature of the radicalist Khalistan threat, and its close links with terrorist groups. India constantly claims to bring to the notice of the world issues of global principles and not that of India alone. However, its diplomats and intelligence agencies conspicuously failed to carry conviction about the omnipresent threat posed by Sikh extremist groups abroad, notwithstanding intelligence liaison arrangements being in place with several countries to exchange crucial intelligence. Criticising foreign governments after the violent events took place, and resorting to ham-handed steps by way of retaliation will not help. India needs to effectively convince the rest of the world of the threat posed by radicalised forces such as the KLF and the SFJ.

In large parts of the world, liberal values are already embattled; India should not yield to the temptation of resorting to hard measures without understanding the true causes and join the ranks of nations that solely believe in strong-arm methods, such as Jair Bolsonaro in Brazil, the Taliban in Afghanistan, and the Mullahs in Iran. India needs to find the ways and means to defeat the 'siren call' of radical extremists of every hue, whether they be Khalistanis or other kinds of extremists. It needs to steer between the extremes of the right and left, and ensure a greater sense of unity within the country, according due respect for individual dignity and human progress, and demonstrating leadership in the comity of nations.

Indian TV, 'hashtag' audience fragmentation

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More often than not, television news shows in India feature a hashtag (#). Media channels have one while their shows have another. One must not forget the anchors who often remind viewers about using these hashtags to engage with them on social media. Some shows even feature live tweet counts of people using these hashtags during telecasts, while some hand pick and present these tweets in their tickers. What does this tell us about Indian TV media's evolution alongside social media?

The boundaries between traditional media and modern media are clearly blurring. Andrew Chadwick (Loughborough University) posited the theory of "The Hybrid Media System" in the context of political communication and argued that it is time we let go of dichotomous thinking (as old and new media) and embrace an all-encompassing intermixed and blended media. This has chequered outcomes.

Of course, digital platforms provide a means to constantly engage with viewers, which would otherwise not be possible via TV media. On the other hand, given the system's framework, one can never be sure if such engagement is with genuine users.

Deen Freelon (University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill) and Chris Wells (Boston University) note the rise of disinformation, suggesting that social media is making it easier to propagate disinformation and that even credible media outlets have sometimes fallen prey to the trend.

The case of the farmers' protest

The farmers' protest in India, of 2020-21, is an interesting case to understand an evolving aspect of online chatter and its implication(s) for TV media. TV media is increasingly over-flowing into the digital public sphere in a bid to engage with their audience much more than what was traditionally possible. Whether this is leading to a democratic and spectrum wide viewer engagement – as one would prefer – is arguable. Instead, we see increased audience fragmentation.

> Television channels hardly seem to be enablers of democratic ethos and debate

We followed debates by a prominent English news channel, in 2021, between mid-January and mid-February, to understand its engagement on Twitter. The channel proposed a unique hashtag for 21 of the 22 shows it aired on the topic. We studied these 21 to broadly see how far they made it on Twitter. Around 9,700 users participated (i.e., used one of these hashtags to engage) to create a volume of ~25,900 tweets.

Audience engagement now

The number of tweets was heavily skewed towards a handful of users. In fact, 66 users (heavy tweeters) alone made 25% (approximately 6,500) of these tweets. They each tweeted on an average 97 times. To add, these 66 users garnered 51.4% of all retweets too (~41,500).

These 66 users predominantly engaged only with the news channel's hashtag. They did not participate in other trending hashtags that spoke to the same issue. For instance, even on two similar hashtags that sought to 'expose' Greta Thunberg, only 15 of the 66 participated in both and generated a mere 1.2% of tweets in the non-channel hashtag.

Professor Chadwick argues that traditional mass media appears equally invested in alternative emerging media platforms and tends to make concerted efforts to drive agenda-centric engagement on it as it would do traditionally. What one may further add is that such an engagement occurs in fragments, as the strong yet narrowly engaged users' behaviour suggests from this particular case.

One implication is that each TV media channel is trying to position itself as the definitive channel of India. Amid rising competition, channels promote unique hashtags and seek to garner support as they stand to question a certain state of affairs. But if issues are similar, what would differentiate them from their competitors? A unique persona. Each channel, we posit, is trying to brand itself of certain 'values' and 'attitudes' and adding viewer over viewer, who align over these attributes more than the reportage. A deep yet narrow engagement of users – who only engage with a certain channel and not the broader issue at hand – is one indication of how media interests are likely fragmenting audiences.

Appealing to viewers

Media channels are adopting different repertoires to appeal to the audiences on Twitter as against assimilating themselves with the larger trends that concur with their point of view. For instance, the engagement created by the media channel in our study is only 18.6% of the five corresponding non-media channel anti-farmer protest hashtags. However, this is critical if we were to multiply this engagement with the number of TV channels that are following a similar strategy. However, the larger messaging in this case, i.e., supporting farm laws and discrediting the protesters is only emboldened given the similarity of content and how social media algorithms work.

Seemingly, TV media is posing as an end in itself, whereas it should be an enabler of democratic ethos. It should drive its viewers towards a democratic debate, rather than towards itself. Instead of enabling society to discuss and deliberate, channels are pushing people to identify with a style of reporting or creating a supporter group around them, and social media (due to its nature) is an effective tool.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The Congress's take

The Chairperson of the Congress Parliamentary did drive home the point of the state of national governance and the politics of the BJP (Editorial page, April 11). But how far the Congress party, claiming itself to be the "principal Opposition party", is doing justice to its role is what will make the difference between today and tomorrow. Editorial articles are largely read by the educated elite whose numbers hardly count when it comes to votes. The mass of present-day voters can be won over only with the gift of the gab and promises of development. It is time the Congress reaches out to the masses, systematically, seriously and rhetorically.

V. Subbarao,
Mumbai

It was amusing to read the article. Has the leader spent time analysing the party's past record in governance and the United Progressive Alliance (UPA) government's years when she was chairperson of the UPA?

K.R. Rangarajan,
Hyderabad

There was a sense of desperation in the article. The Opposition must fight 2024 targeting the government's failures rather than targeting an individual. The Congress has to work shoulder to shoulder with the regional parties rather than play boss.

Vinyas Holla,
Chennai

Politics over milk

Trust politicians to milk everything for the purpose of electoral gains, milk included! The entry of Amul is being opposed in Karnataka mainly because it is based in Gujarat. Nothing can be more silly or whimsical than this. What if Gujarat bans the sale of electronic goods made in Bengaluru? Amul is certainly not a Gujarati brand anymore and is very pan-Indian.

Avinash Godboley,
Dewas, Madhya Pradesh

Corrections & Clarifications

A clarification regarding the quote in the third paragraph of the front-page story (April 11, 2023) titled "T.N. House resolution asks Centre to set time limit for Governor for clearing Bills": In the Chief Minister's speech, the portion of the quote on the abolition of the post of Governor was attributed to the Justice Rajamannar Committee. That the Governor should be a detached figure was attributed to the Sarkaria Commission. The published version had erroneously attributed both to the Justice Rajamannar Committee.

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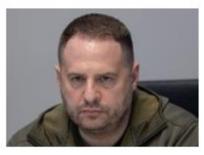
Fighting the Kremlin of today



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Some of India's greatest literature reached Ukraine in an unusual way. In the late 19th century, a young woman named Larysa Kosach received a present from her uncle, a well-known Ukrainian intellectual. It was a French translation of the *Rigveda*, among the most sacred of Hindu texts. Kosach, a brilliant poet fluent in 10 languages, was so impressed with the beauty of its verses that she was determined to share them with her fellow Ukrainians. She was the first person to translate the *Rigveda* into our language and went on to become one of my country's most celebrated poets. She has since become known as Lesya Ukrainka and her Rigveda translation is still read today in Ukrainian schools.

Now, it is our turn to send India some poetry. These are very difficult days for Ukraine, but the creative forces that set us apart from those who would destroy us have not been extinguished. As Russian missiles bomb our cities and Russian soldiers steal our children, a new generation of Ukrainian voices are speaking up in search of sympathetic ears. As Iya Kiva, one of our younger poets, puts it: "We've packed a contraband humanitarian aid kit of war songs/ and shipped it to Europe America India and China/ paving the silk road with great Ukrainian literature."

Victims of Russian belligerence

In Ukraine we are no strangers to the harsh realities of modern geopolitics. We know, of course, that we cannot rely on poetry alone to deliver us from the clutches of Russian President Vladimir Putin, whose lust for territory and power is out of step with the 21st century longing for peaceful, prosperous co-existence. We also know that some of the countries with which Ukraine has long enjoyed mutually rewarding relations – not only in recent years but both before and during the ages of Soviet rule – face testing decisions of their own in a world that Russia is trying to reshape for the benefit of the Kremlin's kleptocrats. We are especially grateful to Prime Minister Narendra Modi for his skilful interventions at the highest political levels. We recognise that India has long enjoyed a stable and productive relationship with Moscow. But the Kremlin of today is not the Kremlin of yesterday. As the prime victims of Russian belligerence, we wholeheartedly endorse what Mr. Modi told Mr. Putin last year: "Today's era is not an era of war".

At the same time, we worry that those words have fallen on deaf Russian ears. As I write today, Russian armies are still firing missiles into civilian Ukrainian homes. The destruction has included hospitals, schools and blocks of flats. Independent observers have detailed massacres, torture and rape committed by Russian soldiers, many of them former convicts pressed into military service. In Ukrainian territories occupied by Russian troops, local government officials, journalists and protestors have been arbitrarily detained and beaten or tortured. Some of them have disappeared.

The United Nations has documented more than 40,000 alleged Russian war crimes. Earlier this month, the International Criminal Court in The Hague issued arrest warrants for Mr. Putin and one of his officials for allegedly presiding over the horrifying deportation of hundreds of Ukrainian children to Russia. Mr. Putin to issue shocking threats of nuclear attack.

These are not the actions of a reliable partner, or indeed of any sane government leader. With his unceasing aggression in Ukraine, Mr. Putin has forfeited any claim to the loyalty of his former friends. Desperate in defeat, he has been trawling the world in search of any ally prepared to overlook his evil. He had high hopes of forging a political and economic alliance with China against the rest of the world, but he left Beijing disappointed. For all the flowery words that accompanied his recent summit meeting with President Xi Jinping, most observers concluded that China was keeping its distance from a tyrant who no one can trust.

Similar views

We are lucky to enjoy warm diplomatic relations with India, and I think I am right to claim that our views are similar in two important respects. First, we did not seek war with Russia; like India, we only fight if we are attacked. Second, we share India's belief that a rebalancing of international institutions is long overdue in the world.

Russia has discredited itself as a permanent member of the United Nations Security Council, undermining global faith in an outmoded structure. The Council was created in the aftermath of the Second World War with a mission to maintain world peace – a task it has manifestly failed to achieve. However long it takes to rid the world of Russia's malevolent excesses, Mr. Modi's campaign for UN reform deserves to succeed.

Ukraine also wholeheartedly endorses Mr. Modi's theme for India's current presidency of the G20: 'Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam'. Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky echoed this message when he revealed our formula for peace at the G20 summit last year. The plan involves simple but necessary steps which are familiar to every human being who respects themselves, other people, and the world around them. Those who oppose the plan also oppose energy, food, nuclear and environmental security.

At difficult times like this, it is helpful to remember one of the *Rigveda* verses translated by Lesya Ukrainka. It was a hymn dedicated to Indra, king of the devas, who destroyed the evil Vritra, bringing sunshine to mankind. In Ukraine, we too are fighting evil. But we can only return to our lives in sunshine with the help of our friends all over the world.

We Ukrainians can only return to our lives in sunshine with the help of our friends all over the world

Resolving a recurring conflict

The Governor-Chief Minister face-off can be avoided with some reasoning on both sides

STATE OF PLAY

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Three months after a face-off between Governor R.N. Ravi and Chief Minister M.K. Stalin, Tamil Nadu is witness to yet another confrontation between them.

In January, the Governor skipped some portions of the approved text of his customary address to the House. When Mr. Stalin disapproved of this deviation from the text and moved a resolution to take on record only the transcript distributed to the members, Mr. Ravi, in an unprecedented move, walked out of the Assembly.

This time, Mr. Ravi's explanation of the role of a Govenor in the functioning of a legislature paved the way for the controversy. The Governor made the comments during his interaction with a group of civil servants at the Raj Bhavan on April 6. There was nothing wrong in the fact that Mr. Ravi articulated the constitutional position regarding the role of the Governor, but his interpretation, which was viewed against the backdrop of his relationship with the Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam (DMK) regime, created a strong response not only from the ruling party but also its allies. Soon after, on Monday, the Assembly adopted a resolution calling upon President Droupadi Murmu and the Union government to give appropriate instructions to the Governor for according assent to Bills passed by the Assembly within a specific time period.

Mr. Ravi's point was that if a Governor withheld assent to a Bill passed by the Assembly, it meant that the "Bill is dead."

This interpretation did not go down well with the ruling dispensation because about a dozen bills passed by the current Assembly were pending with Mr. Ravi for assent. It is against this backdrop that two pieces of legislation – exemption to students of the State from the National Eligibility-cum-Entrance Test, and the Prohibition of Online Gambling and Regulation of Online Games Bill – deserve a mention.

As both the bills were returned by Mr. Ravi in the last one year or so, they were re-adopted by the House. While the first is awaiting presidential assent, the news of the second bill having received the Governor's assent came out on the day the Assembly adopted the resolution concerning him. The time taken by Mr. Ravi to give his assent to the online gambling bill has evoked criticism from several quarters as he cleared an ordinance on the same subject last October. The government's case had been that except for the word "bill," the piece of legislation was an exact reproduction of the ordinance.

The Monday motion, floating the idea that the Governor be instructed to give his assent within a prescribed time period, was, however, not as harsh on the present occupant of the post as it was on the Governor 28 years ago. On April 26, 1995, when the All-India Anna Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam (AIADMK) was in power, the House passed a resolution demanding that the Centre recall Governor M. Channa Reddy and replace him with another person after "prior consultation" with the State government. It also wanted the Union government to ensure that the person so appointed "is not partisan and is respected by" citizens of the country for his integrity in public life.

At the time of passage of the resolution on Monday, the AIADMK, the principal Opposition party, was not present. Its members, citing Speaker M. Appavu's non-acceptance of their demand for recognising former Revenue Minister R.B. Udhayakumar as Deputy Leader of Opposition, had earlier staged a walkout. Even two members of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) left the House prior to the adoption. The motion was adopted unanimously. The former Fisheries Minister and the AIADMK's prominent spokesperson, D. Jayakumar, was quick to accuse the DMK of adopting "double standards" with regard to the office of the Governor. The DMK, which was calling for the abolition of the post, had, while in the Opposition, approached Governors to make representations against the government of the day, Mr. Jayakumar argued.

With the passage of the resolution, the latest row concerning the two constitutional authorities is expected to come to an end. While the Governor could desist from creating the impression that he is needlessly provocative, the ruling party would do well in exercising greater restraint while responding to him. After all, the members of the ruling party will have to approach the people again for electoral support, unlike the Governor.

The 17th Lok Sabha is likely to be the shortest since 1952

The latest session saw the least amount of time spent on questions in the current Lok Sabha

DATA POINT

PRS Legislative Research

The 17th Lok Sabha, which is entering its final year, has functioned for 230 sitting days so far. Of all the Lok Sabhas that completed the full five-year term, the 16th Lok Sabha had the lowest number of sitting days (331). With one more year remaining, and 58 average sitting days a year, the 17th Lok Sabha is unlikely to sit for more than 331 days. This could make it the shortest full-term Lok Sabha since 1952.

Chart 1 shows the number of sittings in the last 17 Lok Sabhas, including the ongoing term. The terms of the fourth, sixth, ninth, eleventh and twelfth Lok Sabha were shorter than five years and so the number of sittings were fewer. Among those terms which lasted for at least five years, the 17th Lok Sabha may end up being the shortest. The term of the fifth Lok Sabha was extended for six years.

The latest session (Budget session) held from January 31, 2023, to April 6, 2023, with a recess from February 14 to March 12 saw limited legislative activity, and minimal discussion on the Budget amidst continuous disruptions. In this session, the Lok Sabha functioned for 33% of its scheduled time (46 hours) and the Rajya Sabha functioned for 24% (32 hours). In the 15 days of the second part of the session, the Lok Sabha worked for 5% of its scheduled time and the Rajya Sabha for 6%, with most of the time spent on the procedural work of tabling papers. **Chart 2** shows the functioning time as a percentage of scheduled time in the past 11 Sessions (from the 2019 Budget Session to the 2023 Budget Session).

In this Lok Sabha, so far, 150 Bills have been introduced and 131 Bills have been passed (excluding Finance and Appropriation Bills). In the first session, 38 Bills were introduced and 28 were passed. Since then, the number of Bills introduced and passed has declined. Fewer than 10 Bills have been introduced or passed in each of the last four consecutive sessions. **Chart 3** shows the number of Bills passed by each Lok Sabha.

The latest Budget session was the sixth shortest Budget session since 1952. The Lok Sabha spent 18 hours on financial business, of which 16 hours were spent on the general discussion of the Budget. In the previous Budget sessions of the 17th Lok Sabha, financial business was discussed for 55 hours on average. **Chart 4** shows the time spent on Budget discussions in hours.

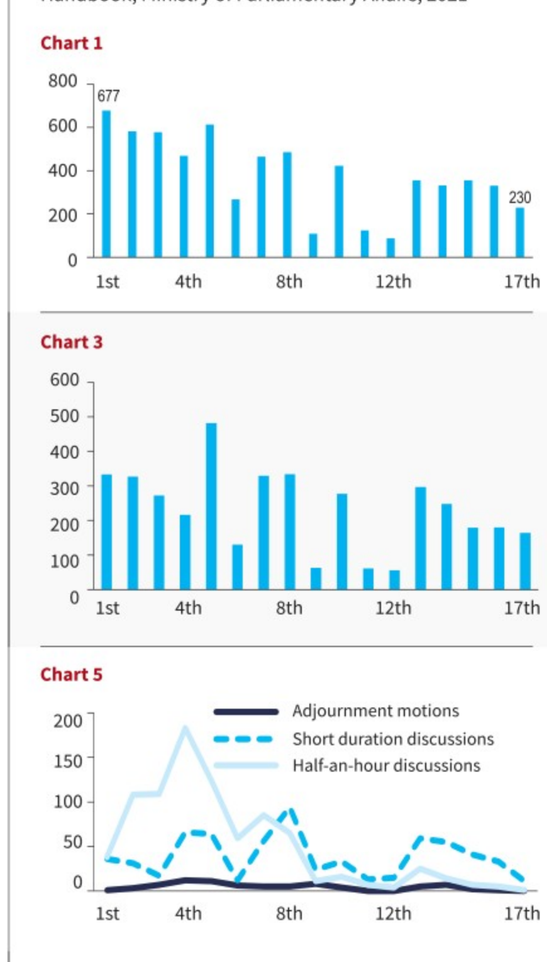
The Motion of Thanks on the President's Address was the only item discussed in the latest session. It was discussed for about 28 hours in both Houses, with 150 members participating in total. The Rules of Procedure of both Houses of Parliament provide for various devices which can be used to draw attention to matters of public importance, and hold the government accountable. These include half-an-hour discussions, short-duration discussions, and adjournment motions. In the 17th Lok Sabha, only 11 short-duration discussions and one half-an-hour discussion have been held so far. None of these were held in the latest session. **Chart 5** shows the number of debates conducted in Lok Sabha.

The latest session also saw the least amount of time spent on questions in the current Lok Sabha. Question Hour functioned for 19% of the scheduled time in the Lok Sabha and 9% of the scheduled time in the Rajya Sabha. About 7% of starred questions were answered in each House. No Private Member Bills were introduced or discussed in this session. Each House discussed one Private Member Resolution.

Chart 6 shows the share of question hour of the scheduled time in the Lok Sabha in the past 11 sessions.

Parliament statistics

The charts are sourced from **PRS Legislative Research's Vital Stats: Parliament functioning in Budget Session 2023**. The PRS had collated the data from Bulletins of the Lok Sabha and the Rajya Sabha as on April 6, 2023; Statistical Handbook, Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs, 2021



Note: Adjournment motions are used to adjourn the normal proceedings of the House to discuss an urgent matter. The motion is voted on at the end of the discussion. Short duration discussions are used to debate matters of public importance. Half-an-hour discussions are used to obtain further information from the government about a question answered in the House

FROM THE ARCHIVES

The Hindu.

FIFTY YEARS AGO APRIL 12, 1973

Cheating by patients hits Delhi hospital revenue

New Delhi, April 11: Government hospitals in New Delhi are losing millions of rupees each year because of what is described by hospital authorities as large-scale cheating by patients who come for treatment. The authorities point out that hospital services are free only to those whose monthly income is less than Rs. 200. But, in practice, 99 per cent of the rich and well-to-do patients manage to get drugs and other things free by declaring an income less than Rs. 200. "We do not know how to stop this cheating and make people pay," said one hospital administrator. "If you could, our hospitals would look much better and the quality of service would improve." While every Government hospital in the capital is robbed of its revenue by cheaters, the All-India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) hospital seems to be the biggest loser. "It has become India's free nursing home for the rich," said one doctor. "Excellent facilities, good staff and always full. But no one pays." The cheaters include big businessmen, high-paid Government servants, top-ranking officials in the ministries, their friends and relatives, according to one hospital official who did not wish to be identified. Last year, the AIIMS hospital treated a total of about 427,300 patients, half of them estimated to be genuinely poor. Although the remaining patients belonged to the "paying" category, according to the Hospital Superintendent, "only five per cent of them declared their true income."

A HUNDRED YEARS AGO APRIL 12, 1923

British politics

London, April 10: The Government defeat occurred on a technical motion that the Speaker leave the Chair. This enables preliminary discussion of topics embraced in the estimates before the latter are investigated in committee. In the course of this, there was a discussion on the position of the ex-servicemen in the civil service. The declaration of votes was greeted by loud and prolonged cheers by Labour members, who enthusiastically threw their order papers in the air and waved their handkerchiefs crying, "Resign", "Send for the Premier." The House then adjourned. The defeat creates a most awkward difficulty, which the Ministry however expects to surmount.

From Page One

Data Protection Bill in Monsoon Session

It had then briefed the court that the Ministry was in the process of "collating and analysing the feedback and suggestions received, with a view to take the draft Bill forward". It had assured the court that the Bill would be presented in Parliament at the earliest. The purpose of the Bill is to "provide for the processing of digital personal data in a manner that recognises both the right of individuals to protect their personal data and the need to process personal data for lawful purposes".

'Data' under the new Bill is defined as a "representation of information, facts, concepts, opinions or instructions in a manner suitable for communication, interpretation or processing by humans or by automated means".

The Bill separately defines data fiduciary as persons who determined the purpose and means of processing of personal data; data principal as the individual to whom the personal data related to; data processor as any person who processes personal data on behalf of a data fiduciary.

Senior advocate Shyam Divan, representing the petitioners, sounded skeptical about the enactment of the Bill, saying the government had been giving assurances for months. "Please do not link our court hearings with the legislative process. It (the Bill) may go to some committee or other. Our petitions have been pending since 2017..." Mr. Divan said. "The Bill had to go through a qualified consultative process. You have to do that if you want a good law," Mr. Venkataramani countered.

Unfazed India to hold G-20 youth meet in Leh

The meeting will bring together about 80 delegates from nearly every G-20 country, officials said. While Pakistan has once again objected to the holding of meetings in what it calls "illegally occupied" Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh, it is not an invitee. China, which boycotted the G-20 engagement meeting in Arunachal Pradesh, is understood to be staying out of the meeting in Leh and also a G-20 tourism meeting in Srinagar from May 22 to 24 as they are "disputed territory".

All eyes will also be on the attendance of the three G-20 nations that are also members of the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) – Turkey, Indonesia and Saudi Arabia.

The OIC has issued several statements criticising India for its move to reorganise Jammu and Kashmir in 2019.

Diplomatic sources said Turkey might be unable to send officials, given the presidential and Parliament elections that are due to be held next month, while a response is awaited from Indonesia. On Tuesday, the Pakistan Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA) issued a statement expressing "strong indignation" over the G-20 meetings in Srinagar and Leh. "Such events cannot hide the reality of Jammu and Kashmir being an internationally recognised dispute that has remained on the agenda of United Nations Security Council for over seven decade," the MFA said, accusing India of "exploiting its membership" of the G-20 to advance its own agenda. The MEA did not issue an immediate rejoinder to the MFA statement.

India set to grow by 5.9% this fiscal: IMF

The IMF maintained an optimistic outlook on India, explaining the down revision as an adjustment for historical numbers that were better than expected. "We realised that 2020-21 has been actually a lot better than we thought," IMF economist Daniel Leigh said at a press briefing on Tuesday, responding to a question from *The Hindu*.

The growth numbers were released as part of the *World Economic Outlook (WEO): A Rocky Recovery* report, launched at the start of the World Bank and IMF Spring Meetings in Washington.

"And so actually, there's less room for catching up," Mr. Leigh said. For the fiscal year that ended March 31, the IMF had estimated a 6.8% growth rate for India. "And that pent-up demand, from consumption that was informing our previous forecast, is going to be less because they've already had more catching up before," Mr. Leigh said.

"Again, a very strong economy, which is necessary to allow India to continue to converge towards higher living standards and create those jobs that are necessary," said Mr. Leigh. *The Hindu* had asked about the outlook for jobs and employment. Global output growth is projected to slow to 2.8% in 2023, picking up to 3% in 2024.

"The global economy's gradual recovery from both the pandemic and Russia's invasion of Ukraine remains on track," IMF chief economist Pierre-Olivier Gourinchas said, adding that China's reopened economy was strongly rebounding and supply chain disruptions were unwinding, and negative impacts of the war on food and energy prices were receding.

"At the same time, serious financial stability related downside risks have emerged," he added. "Stubbornly high inflation" and recent financial sector turmoil have dimmed prospects of a "soft landing" for the global economy, the report said.

If the recent financial sector stresses are contained, the IMF projects global growth to settle at 3.0% five years from now – this is the lowest five-year projection in decades. The IMF suggested that central banks remain steady with their anti-inflation stance, but also adjust and use their full set of policy instruments, while providing targeted support for those hit by the cost of living crisis.

Zelensky will be happy to speak at G-20 summit in September: Minister

Ukrainian First Deputy Foreign Minister urges India to follow 'balanced position', invites Doval to visit Kyiv; Dzhaparova says any efforts to bring the war to an end is welcome; she accuses Russia of carrying out rape and massacre of civilians

Kallol Bhattacherjee
Suhasini Haidar
NEW DELHI

Ukraine's Minister Emine Dzhaparova and Vijay Thakur Singh, Director-General of ICWA, in New Delhi. SHIV KUMAR PUSHPAKAR

India should invite representatives from Ukraine during the G-20 summit to be held here in September, said Kyiv's First Deputy Foreign Minister Emine Dzhaparova in New Delhi on Tuesday. Addressing a special gathering at the Indian Council of World Affairs (ICWA), Ms. Dzhaparova described Russia's war against Ukraine as "unprovoked", and said the United Nations has failed to deliver peace as Russia continues have a veto power in the UN Security Council.

"Presidency of G-20 brings additional responsibility to India. My message during the visit is, let us consider participation of Ukrainian officials at the G-20 summit to be held in India. During the September G-20 summit, my President will also be happy to speak up on behalf of the Ukrainian people," said Ms. Dzaparova, who arrived here on Monday and met Minister of State for External Affairs Meenakshi Lekhi and Secretary of the MEA Sanjay Verma.

She said "any effort" to bring the war to an end is welcome, but emphasised that Ukraine will not surrender those areas that are under Russia's control.

The Minister's remarks about seeking the inclusion of President Zelensky in the G-20 summit have come against the backdrop of continued discussion on the war in Ukraine at various levels in the preparatory meetings for G-20. The matter was taken up forcefully by the Western countries during the G-20 Foreign Ministers meeting. Last year, Ukraine's Foreign Minister Dmytro Kuleba criticised India for purchasing Russian oil saying, "India is buying Ukrainian blood by purchasing Russian crude oil."

Ms. Dzhaparova, however, said that India has a sovereign right to choose its energy supplies but in response to a question from *The Hindu* pointed out that "some of India's actions demonstrate unbalanced position, but we don't take it as the immoveable ground. We live in a dynamic world and it is my mission here to change this position, to bring the message that siding with Russia is to be at the wrong side of history. The pragmatic approach is important here."

Ms. Dzhaparova said Ukraine has the right of self-defence and argued that Russia has failed to conquer her country and that the prolonged nature of the war has proved that Russian aim to conquer Ukraine in a short war failed. She presented a tragic picture of the ongoing war, accusing Russian soldiers of carrying out systematic rape and massacre of civilian population in Ukraine.

The visit by Ms. Dzhaparova is the first such outreach by the Government of Ukraine since the launch of the "special military operation" by the Russian forces in February 2022.

Arunachal was, is, will be integral part of India: MEA

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

India on Tuesday firmly rejected China's objection to Home Minister Amit Shah's visit to Arunachal Pradesh, and asserted that the State "was, is and will" always remain an integral and inalienable part of India.

External Affairs Ministry spokesperson Arindam Bagchi said objecting to such visits does not stand to reason and will not change the reality.

The Home Minister visited Arunachal Pradesh on Monday during which he launched the ambitious Vibrant Villages Programme. "We completely reject the comments made by the Chinese spokesperson. Indian leaders routinely travel to the State of Arunachal Pradesh as they do to any other State of India," Mr. Bagchi said. "Arunachal Pradesh was, is and will always remain an integral and inalienable part of India," he said.

Responding to a question on Mr. Shah's visit, Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman Wang Wenbin said, "Zangnan (the Chinese name for Arunachal Pradesh) is part of China's territory". "The activity of the senior Indian official in Zangnan violates China's territorial sovereignty and is not conducive to peace and tranquillity in the border areas," he said.

IAF officer yet to be dismissed over firing on copter by mistake

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

An Indian Air Force (IAF) General Court Martial (GCM) has given its ruling for the dismissal of Group Captain Suman Roy Chowdhury in connection with the accidental shooting down of a Mi-17V5 helicopter as an aerial duel was under way between India and Pakistan in February 2019, a day after the Balakot air strike.

However, it is yet to send the order to the IAF chief as the matter is *sub judice* in the High Court of Punjab and Haryana.

Gp. Capt. Chowdhury was the Chief Operations Officer (COO) of the Srinagar Air Force Station when the incident occurred.

"The verdict of GCM is subject to confirmation by the competent authority. Hence, the officer has not been dismissed from service till the said confirmation," a defence source said. It will be sent to IAF chief, the competent authority for approval, once the court disposes of the case, officials said.

On the morning of February 27, 2019, a day after the Balakot air strike, as fighter jets of India and Pakistan were engaged in a dogfight over the Naushera sector of Jammu and Kashmir near the Line of Control (LoC), a Mi-17V5 crashed in Budgam shortly after take-off from Srinagar killing all six personnel on board and one civilian on the ground. The Court of Inquiry ordered to investigate the crash confirmed that it was shot by the Israeli origin Spyder surface-to-air missile system of the IAF and found at least four officers, including a Group Captain, responsible for the crash.

As a legal recourse was on, last month the High Court of Punjab and Haryana allowed the GCM to pronounce its verdict while stating that it must not be implemented till it disposes of the case, which is awaited, one official said.

We are seeing militarisation of space, steady progress towards weaponisation: CDS

Dinakar Peri
NEW DELHI

CDS Gen. Anil Chauhan

The very nature of warfare is on the cusp of major transformation and what is being witnessed is militarisation of space and steady progress towards weaponisation, Chief of Defence Staff (CDS) General Anil Chauhan said on Tuesday, while stating space is being used to enhance combat capabilities in land, sea and cyber domains.

"The aim for all of us should be towards developing dual-use platforms with special focus towards incorporating cutting-edge technology and we must expand our NAVIC constellation, provide agile space-based Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance (ISR) and ensure secure satellite-assisted communications," he said at the Indian DefSpace Symposium organised by the Indian Space Association (ISpA) in association with the Defence Research and Development Organisation.

Referring to the development of new kinetic weapons resulting in war in space "becoming a reality", Gen. Chauhan gave examples of recent tests by Russia and China, and stressed the need to build India's own offensive and defensive means in this domain.

The event is part of deliberations under 'Mission Def-Space', under which 75 challenges have been identified for development by the industry, said Lt. Gen. A. K. Bhatt (retd.), Director-General, IspA, an industry association of space and satellite companies.

"The populating of space domain and the emergence of dynamic threat environment to our space assets also demands that we enhance our space situational awareness capability. There's also a requirement to safeguard our assets with counter space capabilities. We must build resilience and redundancy in a space-based infrastructure."

DRDO chief Samir V. Kamat said they have started increasing their focus on the very critical space domain with focus on space-based surveillance, space situational awareness, protecting our space-based assets.

"The interaction went on for several months and was then vetted by ISRO and DRDO to create these 75 challenges which cover all requirements upstream, mid-stream and down-stream," Lt. Gen. Bhatt told *The Hindu*. The challenges are now being implemented in batches and the process is on.

ED records statement of Tejashwi

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Enforcement Directorate (ED) on Tuesday recorded the statement of Bihar Deputy Chief Minister Tejashwi Yadav in the alleged land-for-job scam.

Mr. Yadav was questioned by the ED for about nine hours. The CBI had, in October 2022, filed a chargesheet against Lalu Prasad and 15 others, including his wife Rabri Devi and daughter Misa Bharti. In January, it secured prosecution sanction against the former Railway Minister for court proceedings.

Delhi CM asks people to join AAP for India's development

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

A day after getting the status of a national party, AAP chief Arvind Kejriwal asked people to join the AAP to make India the world's number one country and urged people to give a missed call at 9871 010101 to join the party. Addressing workers from the party headquarters in New Delhi, Mr. Kejriwal said, "They will put all of you in jail. Everyone's number will come. Be prepared to stay in jail for seven or eight months. After that, they will have to give you bail as you have not done anything. If you are scared, then leave AAP."

"If anyone has any greed of money or posts, then leave the party, you have come to the wrong place," he said.

Terming being a national party a "huge responsibility", he thanked everyone who believed and supported the party.

Amid slump in Adani stock, LIC's shares in the group has increased: Congress president

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Mallikarjun Kharge

The Life Insurance Corporation (LIC) of India is being used to bail out the Adani Group, the Congress alleged on Tuesday as it questioned the public sector financial giant buying 3.75 lakh crores of shares of Adani Enterprises between January and March despite the market value of the company's stocks declining by almost 60% during this period.

Taking to Twitter, Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge said the new revelations made it essential to have a joint parliamentary committee (JPC) probe into the Adani Group.

"LIC bought 3.75 lakh shares of Adani from January to March 2023! Crores of people in the country invest their life savings in LIC so that they get help to face any kind of financial problem. But why did Modi *ji* spend the money, that could have helped people in times of hardship, for the benefit of Adani? Answer=JPC!" Mr. Kharge said in a tweet.

The Congress chief's reiteration of the demand for a JPC comes just days after ally and Nationalist Congress Party (NCP) supremo Sharad Pawar had stated that there was no need for a JPC probe into the Adani Group and had questioned the Hindenburg report.

In a statement, Congress general secretary (communications) Jairam Ramesh said the LIC's holding in Adani Enterprises rose from 1.32% at the end of June 2021 to 4.23% by the end of December 2022. Mr. Ramesh said despite "serious questions" being raised about the Adani Group on January 24, 2023, the public sector financial giant's exposure went up. "Now it turns out that LIC's holding in Adani Enterprises had further increased to 4.26% by the end of March 2023," he said.

"Very clearly, LIC is being forced to use its policyholders' funds to bail out the PM's favourite business group which is under siege," he alleged.

When contacted, an external person handling communications for the LIC said, "No comment". The LIC, however, on January 30, had said it has an exposure of ₹36,474.78 crore to Adani Group's debt and equity, and the amount is less than one per cent its of the national insurer's total investments.

India facing 'serious threat' of supply of illicit weapons: envoy

Press Trust of India
UNITED NATIONS

India is facing a "serious challenge" of cross-border supply of illicit weapons using drones, which cannot be possible without active support from state authorities, New Delhi's envoy said in an apparent reference to Pakistan.

Speaking at the UN Security Council's open debate on "Threats to International Peace and Security: Risks Stemming from Violations of Agreements Regulating the Exports of Weapons and Military Equipments" held on Monday under Russia's Presidency of the Council, India's Permanent Representative to the UN Ambassador Ruchira Kamboj also asserted that "certain states with dubious proliferation credentials" that collude with terrorists should be held accountable for their "misdeeds". "The export of weapons and military equipment in violation of international law, exacerbating geo-political tensions, cannot be ignored," she said.

APPEAL

I am **Sam Daniel** aged 21 years, suffering from Acute Myeloid Leukemia and require Allogenic Bone Marrow Transplantation at Meenakshi Mission Hospital & Research Centre, Madurai. The total expenditure is Rs. 16,00,000/-. Please donate and support me as my family is extremely poor and cannot afford this huge cost. I need your blessings. Donations sent by Ch/D.D favouring **Meenakshi Mission Hospital & Research Centre, Madurai will be acknowledged**. The donations sent through Ch/D.D/NEFT Transfer & Google Pay (Canara Bank, Nungambakkam Branch, A/c No: 60182010063310, IFSC No: CNRB0016018) favouring **Women's Welfare Syndicate** is exempted under 80G IT.

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Sam Daniel

BJP leaders hit back at Sonia, term her article example of misplaced priorities

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

Kiren Rijiju

Union Ministers and senior Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) leaders Kiren Rijiju and Dharmendra Pradhan took a jibe at Congress leader Sonia Gandhi over her newspaper article on democracy and independence of institutions, saying it was an "illusory" statement of the highest improbity and a "classic example of Modi hatred".

The Union Ministers hit back at the former Congress president after she accused the Narendra Modi government of "misusing every power".

In an article in *The Hindu*, Ms. Gandhi accused Prime Minister Modi and his government of "systematically dismantling" the legislature, the executive and the judiciary, saying their actions demonstrate a "deep-rooted disdain" for democracy.

Illusory statement

Reacting sharply, Union Law Minister Rijiju said in a tweet, "Smt Sonia Gandhi is lecturing about Democracy? Congress Party talking about independence of Judiciary is: An illusory statement of the highest improbity."

Mr. Pradhan dubbed her remarks as a "classic example of Modi hatred, misplaced priorities and overestimation of relevance at the national level." "It is the Congress which is at the crossroads and not the nation. The days ahead are crucial, but for the grand old party which is on the verge of a political crisis," the Minister said.

In a series of tweets, he alleged that from Rajasthan to Chhattisgarh and from Madhya Pradesh to Karnataka, the Congress must first take its message to its organisational apparatus, which is withering due to lack of internal democracy as well as due to the coterie of sycophants.

"It is not the test of democracy but purely the test of Congress. Congress leadership must come out of their illusion and wake up to the ground reality – India's democracy is flourishing, people know PM Modi's intentions and that is why they believe and bless him," he said.

Pilot holds day-long fast, says fight against graft will continue

Hundreds of his supporters and Congress workers attend the protest; party symbols or flags were not visible on the dais at venue in Jaipur

The Hindu Bureau
JAIPUR

After staging a day-long fast in defiance of his party's diktat with the demand for action against corruption, former Rajasthan Deputy Chief Minister Sachin Pilot said here on Tuesday that his movement against graft would "continue vigorously" in future.

The senior Congress leader has sought action from his own government over alleged corruption cases during the previous BJP regime in Rajasthan.

Mr. Pilot sat silently on the hunger strike for five hours at Shaheed Smarak in Jaipur, as hundreds of Congress workers and his supporters from several districts attended the event and raised slogans while patriotic songs played in the background. The Tonk MLA disregarded warnings from the Congress's central leadership that the sit-in was an anti-party activity just before this year's Assembly election.

Mr. Pilot told pressperson that the Congress, as an Opposition party in the State, had promised the people that it would probe the corruption cases and scandals that had taken place under the earlier BJP government, if elected to power.

Voice of dissent: Congress leader Sachin Pilot on a hunger strike in Jaipur seeking action against corruption. PTI

The banner put up behind the dais at the venue depicted a large picture of Mahatma Gandhi alone with the slogan, "hunger strike against corruption in the Vasundhara [Raje] regime". Another small picture of Mahatma Jyotiba Phule was kept near the dais, but no Congress symbols or flags were visible.

No Congress MLA considered loyal to Mr. Pilot was spotted in the crowd at the venue, as he himself had reportedly asked them not to come in order to avoid sending any wrong political message. Mr. Pilot apparently wanted to convince the Congress high command that he was not interested in showing his influence among the MLAs and his fight was not against his own party.

A few minutes after Mr. Pilot began his agitation, Mr. Gehlot released a video on his Twitter handle, listing the welfare policies and programmes of his government.

As the top leadership of the Congress seems to have thrown its weight behind Mr. Gehlot ever since Mr. Pilot announced his plans to stage the hunger strike on Sunday, the Chief Minister apparently expects that he will be made the party's chief ministerial face in this year's Assembly election and serve for the fourth term, should the party be elected to power again.

Luizinho Faleiro quits as Trinamool Rajya Sabha member

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

A day after the Trinamool Congress lost the status of national party, its Rajya Sabha member Luizinho Faleiro on Tuesday submitted his resignation to Upper House Chairman Jagdeep Dhankhar.

Mr. Faleiro joined the Trinamool Congress in September 2021 and was elected to the Rajya Sabha in November 2021.

Trinamool sources said the former Goa Chief Minister was asked to resign by the party. The Trinamool leadership was not pleased with his performance. The leadership is also upset over the loss of national party status.

According to sources, Mr. Falerio is also likely to quit the party soon. His Rajya Sabha term was to end in April 2026.

Legal opinion

The party in a statement said that it would announce a new candidate for the seat as and when the election is notified. Sources in the Trinamool suggest that the party is seeking legal opinion on the loss of national party status. The development is seen as a setback for the party before the 2024 Lok Sabha election, particularly when its leadership has been projecting the party as a fulcrum to unite the Opposition parties.

INBRIEF

Nitish calls on Lalu, discusses current political situation

Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar arrived in New Delhi on Tuesday and held a meeting with Rashtriya Janata Dal supremo Lalu Prasad. During the meeting, they were understood to have discussed the current political situation amid efforts to strengthen the Opposition unity ahead of the 2024 Lok Sabha election. Mr. Kumar was accompanied to Delhi by Janata Dal(U) president Rajiv Ranjan Singh. Party sources told *The Hindu* that during his four-day visit to Delhi, he is also expected to meet Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge and some Left party leaders. He may also meet Sonia Gandhi.

CPI flays EC move to withdraw national status of party

A day after Election Commission withdrew the "national status" for Communist Party of India (CPI), the party in a statement here criticised the decision saying that the panel should have given due consideration to its role in shaping the national agenda in Independent India, as one of the oldest political outfits of the country. "The CPI has remained at the forefront in strengthening the democratic polity of the country," party general secretary D. Raja said. "Despite the Election Commission withdrawing the national party recognition, the CPI will continue to work among the people with increased vigour and dedication across the country. At the same time, the CPI will intensify its campaign for comprehensive electoral reforms including the system of proportional representation, abolition of electoral bonds and for state funding of elections as recommended by the Indrajit Gupta Committee to ensure a level playing field to all participants," he added.

'NCP will not oppose probe into Adani'

The Hindu Bureau
PUNE

NCP chief Sharad Pawar on Tuesday said that he would not oppose a probe by a Joint Parliamentary Committee into allegations against the Adani Group for the sake of maintaining Opposition unity.

In a *volte face* from his earlier position, he said the NCP may not agree with the Opposition's view, but it will ensure that its stance does not harm unity.

'Road corridors to bring J&K closer to Delhi'

The Hindu Bureau
SRINAGAR

Travel time from Delhi to Srinagar will be reduced to just around eight hours, as the Centre pushes for three connectivity corridors, dotted with five major tunnels, at a cost of ₹35,000 crore in Jammu and Kashmir.

"In the next 10 years, J&K roads will match those of the United States. Srinagar to Jammu distance will be covered in three hours, Katra to Delhi in six and Delhi to Srinagar in eight," Minister for Road Transport and Highways Nitin Gadkari, who is visiting J&K, said.

The Minister made these remarks while inspecting the Srinagar-Banihal section of the Udhampur-Ramban-Banihal roadway, which is being constructed to provide all-weather connectivity between Jammu and Srinagar.

The first corridor from Jammu to Udhampur-Ramban-Banihal and further to Srinagar, includes the section from Srinagar to Banihal, officials said.

"This four-lane road of 250 km length is being built at a cost of ₹16,000 crore. The design of four-laning of this road has been done on the basis of geo-technical and geological investigation, to overcome the possible landslides in this area," the officials said.

Meanwhile, Congress leader G.A. Mir criticised Mr. Gadkari for neglecting Kapran-Desa, Sadhna Top, Razdan Top, Mati Gawarn-Enshan Tunnel projects during his visit.

PARADIP PORT AUTHORITY
WORKSHOP DIVISION
No.EM/WS/TECH-04/2022/554, Date.10.04.2023
Corrigendum-I to e-Tender Call Notice No.EM/WS-08/2023 for the work : "Grant of license for Supply, Installation, Commissioning, Operation & Maintenance of 03 nos. 100 Ton Capacity HMCs for a period of 05 years."
The last date of bid submission and opening of the bid for the above e-Tender Call Notice are hereby extended as follows: 1.Last date and time of bid submission : 26.04.2023 up to 18:00 Hrs. 2. Opening of technical Bid : 28.04.2023 at 11: 00 Hrs.
All Other terms and conditions of the original tender will remain unchanged.
Executive Engineer (M)
Workshop Division-I, PPA.
PPA/PR/02/2023-24, Dt.11.4.23

ANDHRA PRADESH POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD
APIIC Colony, Opp. Zamac Apartments, Patamata High School Road, Autonagar, Vijayawada-520007, Phone No. 0866-2463200
Date: 12-04-2023
e-PROCUREMENT TENDER NOTICE
Request for Proposals are invited for Selection of a Service Provider and System Integrator for Design, Develop, Deployment and Maintenance of the IT platform for the Andhra Pradesh Pollution Control Board (APPCB). The tender document along with the schedule can be downloaded from https://tender.apeprocurement.gov.in
Bids shall be submitted online through e- Procurement platform only.
The last date for submission of bids: 16.05.2023 by 05.30 PM. For details contact: 09177303208, 09849990986.
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IndianOil
CIN-L23201MH1959GOI011388
Panipat Refinery & Petrochemical Complex
EXPRESSION OF INTEREST
Tender No: RPRC235106
Name of work: Consultancy services for 'Overall Project Management, Residual Design and Engineering, Procurement & Expediting Services, Tendering & Award, Construction Management & Supervision and Assistance in Start-Up, Commissioning & Performance Test Runs for Coke Drum Replacement, Allied Modernization and Piping Works in Delayed Coker Unit of Panipat Refinery.
Download Period: From 12.04.2023 upto 03.05.2023
Bid Submission: Upto 03.05.2023, 14:30hrs
Contact Person: Dy. General Manager (Contracts), Email: dineshs@indianoil.in / krishnendu_sen@indianoil.in, Phone: 0180-252-2602 / 2632
Note: Visit https://iocletenders.nic.in/ to download tender document. Addendum / Corrigendum, if any, shall be hosted on this website only.

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NIRMAN SOUDHA, KESHARI NAGAR, UNIT- V, BHUBANESWAR - 751 001
RFP Identification No. CE-WBP (O) - 42 /2022-23
File No- PIM - Misc.- 10/2008 (Pt)
Following changes are made to the Invitation for qualification / proposal for the work "Construction of H. L. Bridge over river Kharasrota on Nua Bazar - Balitara Ghat road in the District of Kendrapara under State Plan (Identified project across National Waterways, IWAI)" through EPC mode of Contract" vide RFP Identification No. CE-W.B.P. (O) — 42 / 2022-23.
- The Last date of submission of tender is extended upto 10.00 AM of dt.19.04.2023.
- Bids received on line shall be opened at 10.30 A.M. on 19.04.2023.
All other terms and conditions remain unchanged
Chief Engineer, World Bank Projects, Odisha
B-50 : OIPR-34003/11/0002/2324

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Corrigendum Notice No 01 of Bid Identification No.S.E DKL(R&B) 40 of 2022-23
Due to some changes in value of works put to tender, Sl. No. 2,3 & 4 mentioned in column No.3 & Bid Security Amount mentioned in column No.3 of Sl. No. 2,3 & 4 of the tender call notice to. 40 of 2022-23 sent for publication in the newspaper may be read as follows. All other terms and conditions of the above tender call notice will be remained as same.

Sl. No.	Name of the Work	Approximate Value of work	Concerned T.I.A.	Bid Security Amount (Rs.) online	Cost of Bid Document (Rs.) (online)	Class of bidder	Period of completion in months
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
1.	Repair & Renovation of DHH Dhenkanal under 1st Phase 5T Transformation "Ama Hospital Initiative " in the district of Dhenkanal for the year 2022-23	Civil Rs.23909690.00 E.I. Rs.8585337.00 PH - Rs.9845616.00 Total Rs.42340643.00	S.E. Dhenkanal (R&B) Division	424000.00	10000.00	'A'	5 (Five Calendar Months)
2.	Repair & Renovation of SDH Kamakhyanagar under 1st Phase 5T Transformation "Ama Hospital Initiative " in the district of Dhenkanal for the year 2022-23	Civil Rs.16008763.00 E.I. Rs.5038028.00 PH - Rs.2000000.00 Total Rs.23046791.00	S.E. Dhenkanal (R&B) Division	231000.00	10000.00	'B' & 'A'	4 (Four Calendar Months)
3.	Repair & Renovation of SDH Hindol under 1st Phase 5T Transformation "Ama Hospital Initiative " in the district of Dhenkanal for the year 2022-23	Civil Rs.13440795.00 E.I. Rs.4737320.00 PH - Rs.2000000.00 Total Rs.20178115.00	S.E. Dhenkanal (R&B) Division	202000.00	10000.00	'B' & 'A'	4 (Four Calendar Months)
4.	Repair & Renovation of CHC Parjang under 1st Phase 5T Transformation "Ama Hospital Initiative " in the district of Dhenkanal for the year 2022-23	Civil Rs.7549596.00 E.I. Rs.4271280.00 PH - Rs.2000000.00 Total Rs.13820876.00	S.E. Dhenkanal (R&B) Division	139000.00	10000.00	'B' & 'A'	4 (Four Calendar Months)

Superintending Engineer,
Dhenkanal (R&B) Division
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WORKS DEPARTMENT
Bid Identification No. S.E. CBT (R&B) 01/ 2023-24
charbatiadivision1@gmail.com
i. Name of the work : Building work - 03 Nos
ii. Estimated cost : Rs.1.63 Crore to Rs.3.10 Crore
iii. Period of completion : 06 months (180 days)
iv. Date & time of availability of Bid documents in the portal : from 10.00 AM of 12.04.2023 to 21.04.2023 up to 5.00 PM for "online" bidding.
v. Last date/ time for receipt of Bids in the portal: 21.04.2023 up to 5.00 PM.
vi. Name and address of the officer inviting Bid : Superintending Engineer Charbatia (R&B) Division, Choudwar .
Further details can be seen from the e-procurement portal http://www.tendersorissa.gov.in. Any addendum/ corrigendum/ cancellation of tender can also be seen in the said website.
Additional Chief Engineer, Charbatia (R&B) Division, Choudwar.
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Tender Call Notice No. H.O./P&C/EST-E-1608/03/2023 (Part-II) 10632, Dated : 05.04.2023
NOTICE INVITING TENDER THROUGH e-Procurement -3rd Bid Reference No. P&C/EST/E-02/2023-24
Name of the Work : Construction of Main approach road, Internal road with RCC drain and cross drainage structures in IDCO, MSME Park at Barapalli in Dist-Ganjam, Odisha.
Estimated Cost : Rs.594.38 Lakhs (approx.)
Period of Completion : 04 (Four) Calendar months.

Procurement Officer	Bid Identification No.	Availability of Tender On-Line for Bidding	
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Chief General Manager (P&C), IDCO Tower, Bhubaneswar.	Bid Id. No. PC/EST/E-02/ 2023-24	17.00 Hours of 18.04.2023	17.00 Hours of 03.05.2023

Further details can be seen from the e-Procurement Portal, www.Tendersorissa.gov.in and Corrigendum if any will not be published in newspapers and can only be seen in the e-Procurement portal www.tenderorissa.gov.in and IDCO Website www.idco.in.
Sd/- Chief General Manager (P&C), IDCO, Bhubaneswar
CAD-111 OIPR-14003/11/0004/2324

Government of Odisha
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CONSTRUCTION ENGINEER, KEONJHAR (R&B) CIRCLE, KEONJHAR
No. 1645 / INVITATIONS FOR BIDS (IFB) Date : 11.04.2023
1st Corrigendum to Bid Identification No C.C.E.K.C., Keonjhar No. 45/2022-23
The following changes are made to the works invited vide Bid Identification No C.C.E.K.C., Keonjhar No. 45/ 2022-23 vide Letter No. 1504 dt. 31.03.2023. 1. The Approximate value of work and EMD/Bid Security mentioned against the work Serial No. One (1) to Four (4) of Bid Identification No C.C.E.K.C., Keonjhar No. 45/2022-23 has been modified. The details are mentioned below:-

Sl. No.	Name of the Work	Approximate Value of work (Rs.in Lakhs)	Period of completion	Class of Contractor	E.M.D./ Bid Security (in Rs.)	Cost of Bid document	Last date & time of online receipt of Bids	Concerned S.E. with Headquarter
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1.	Construction of Block level Library - cum - carrier counseling centre at Jhumpura under DMF Sankalpa in the District of Keonjhar for the year 2022-23	344.86	09 (Nine) Calendar months	'A' Class	3,44,900/- (On-Line)	Rs. 10,000/- (On-Line)	16.00 Hours of 01.05.2023	S.E. Keonjhar (R&B) Division, Keonjhar
2.	Construction of Block level Library - cum - carrier counseling centre at Saharapada under DMF Sankalpa in the District of Keonjhar for the year 2022-23	338.02	09 (Nine) Calendar months	'A' Class	3,38,100/- (On-Line)	Rs. 10,000/- (On-Line)	16.00 Hours of 01.05.2023	S.E. Keonjhar (R&B) Division, Keonjhar
3.	Construction of Block level Library - cum - carrier counseling centre at Banspal under DMF Sankalpa in the District of Keonjhar for the year 2022-23	337.11	09 (Nine) Calendar months	'A' Class	3,37,200/- (On-Line)	Rs. 10,000/- (On-Line)	16.00 Hours of 01.05.2023	S.E. Keonjhar (R&B) Division, Keonjhar
4.	Construction of Block level Library - cum - carrier counseling centre at Telkoi under DMF Sankalpa in the District of Keonjhar for the year 2022-23	349.98	09 (Nine) Calendar months	'A' Class	3,50,000/- (On-Line)	Rs. 10,000/- (On-Line)	16.00 Hours of 01.05.2023	S.E. Keonjhar (R&B) Division, Keonjhar

2. If the office happens to be closed on the stipulated date of opening of Bids as specified, the bids will be opened on the next working day at the same time and venue. All other terms & conditions remained unchanged.
Chief Construction Engineer, Keonjhar (R&B) Circle. Keonihar.
B-51: OIPR-34033/11/0004/2324

DIRECTORATE OF AGRICULTURE & FOOD PRODUCTION, ODISHA
REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL
ENGAGEMENT OF PROFESSIONAL AGENCY FOR PROJECT MANAGEMENT UNIT UNDER CROP DIVERSIFICATION PROGRAMME IN MEGA LIFT IRRIGATION PROJECTS
RFP No. 13215 Dated 11/04/2023: The Director of Agriculture & Food Production, Odisha, Bhubaneswar of Department of Agriculture & Farmers Empowerment, Odisha invites sealed RFP proposal from eligible bidders for **Engagement of Professional Agency for Project Management Unit under Crop Diversification Programme in Mega Lift Irrigation Projects.**
The detailed RFP document can download from the website; **agrisnetodisha.ori.nic.in / agriodisha.nic.in.**
The proposal complete in all respect must reach the undersigned by **Speed Post/Registered Post** to **The Director of Agriculture & Food Production, Krushi Bhawan, Gopabandhu Marg Bhubaneswar, Odisha PIN-751001 latest by 09/05/2023 up to 4:30 PM.**
The proposals received beyond the scheduled last date & time will be rejected out rightly. The Director of Agriculture & Food Production, Odisha, Bhubaneswar reserves the right to reject any/all proposals without assigning any reason thereof.
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Director of Agriculture & Food Production, Odisha
L-07 OIPR-01102/11/0002/2324

INBRIEF

CBI records voice samples of Jagdish Tytler for a 1984 case

The CBI on Tuesday got the voice samples of Congress leader Jagdish Tytler recorded at its Central Forensic Science Laboratory (CFSL) in connection with the investigation into the Gurdwara Pul Bangash attack in 1984, according to an agency official. Three persons were killed by a mob here on November 1, 1984, just a day after Prime Minister Indira Gandhi was assassinated. Emerging out of the CFSL, Mr. Tytler told presspersons that the matter did not pertain to any 1984 case. The CBI had earlier submitted in the court that there was no sufficient evidence to proceed against Mr. Tytler in the case. However, following an order, it reopened the probe in December 2015.

RLD chief calls AAP's fixation with PM's degree 'elitist'

Rashtriya Lok Dal (RLD) chief Chaudhary Jayant Singh has described the Aam Aadmi Party's (AAP) political campaign on Prime Minister Narendra Modi's educational qualification as "elitist". "In a country where universal literacy has still not been achieved, barring someone from becoming a public representative is an elitist stance which doesn't suit a political party that is in power in two important States," Mr. Singh told *The Hindu*. Mr. Singh said such charges don't stick politically and that the Opposition should target the ruling party on real issues. The rural voter, he said, was more interested in bread-and-butter issues.

NCSC notice to Gujarat after seven sanitation workers die

The National Commission for Scheduled Castes (NCSC) on Tuesday issued notice to authorities in three districts of Gujarat, after it was reported that seven sanitation workers had died on the job in these districts in a span of 15 days. The Commission has sought a "detailed factual report" as well as an action taken report in these cases immediately. Despite a Gujarat government circular that directed that a Class II-level officer of the Corporation concerned should be held responsible in case of any sewer deaths, no government official had reportedly been named in any of these three cases.

Court rejects revision plea of Shilpa Shetty's discharge

A court in Mumbai dismissed a revision application challenging Bollywood actor Shilpa Shetty being discharged in a case of being kissed by actor Richard Gere in 2007 and held that "obscenity on her part is not evident". The case relates to a public event held in Delhi, where Mr. Gere had kissed Ms. Shetty on her cheeks. Soon thereafter, an FIR was filed on the event. Later Ms. Shetty had filed an application in February 2017 seeking discharge, and it was granted in January 2022. The court, on April 3, dismissed the revision application filed by the Maharashtra government challenging this discharge.

IMD predicts 'normal' monsoon as El Nino effect looms large this year

Since 2019, India has been under the influence of the converse La Nina and therefore getting substantial rainfall; the agency places greater emphasis on the 'dynamical' monsoon forecast techniques instead of the traditional, statistical approach

Jacob Koshy
NEW DELHI

India's four-year run of munificent summer monsoon rainfall is likely to end this year, with the India Meteorological Department (IMD) forecasting a 4% shortfall in the coming season.

Though still categorised as "normal", it is – at 96% of the long period average (LPA) – at the lowest end of what the agency categorises as normal rainfall. Most recently, it was in April 2017 that the IMD forecast 96%, and India saw a 2.6% shortfall that year.

The key factor believed to be playing spoilsport this year is the development of El Nino, a cyclical phenomenon of warming in the central Pacific that in six out of 10 years is linked to diminished rainfall in the country.

Since 2019, India has been under the influence of the converse La Nina or a cooling in those regions, and therefore, getting substantial rainfall.

The "normal" monsoon rainfall over India during June-September is 87 cm (considered 100% of the LPA), though this involves wide spatial variability.

On Monday, the private weather agency Skymet forecast the monsoon to be "below normal" or 94% of the LPA, again premised on the developing El Nino, with Punjab, Haryana, Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh expected to be see diminished rains in August and September.

From 1951 to 2022, there have been 15 El Nino years, defined as a rise above 0.5 degrees Celsius in temperatures in the central, equatorial Pacific Ocean with nine of those years witnessing "below normal" rainfall. In 2015, the last "strong" El Nino year (>1.5 degrees Celsius rise), the monsoon rainfall fell by 14%. A "weaker" El Nino (a sub-one degree rise) in 2018 saw a 7.4% dip.

Experts say that while El Nino conditions are imminent, there are ameliorating factors that may blunt its impact. One, El Nino is only likely to begin to take root in the second half of the monsoon – August and September. The weather models also indicate the development of a "positive" phase of the Indian Ocean Dipole (IOD, or warmer temperatures in the Arabian Sea and hence more moisture and rainfall over India) during these months and so, a somewhat reduced impact of the El Nino, M. Ravichandran, Secretary, Ministry of Earth Sciences, told *The Hindu*.

Another factor that could blunt the El Nino is reduced snow cover in Eurasia. "This February and March, we have seen below normal snow cover in Eurasia, which is favourable for monsoon," said M. Mohapatra, Director-General, IMD, at a press briefing on Tuesday.

In recent years, the IMD has started to place greater emphasis on the 'dynamical' monsoon forecast techniques where global atmospheric and ocean conditions are simulated on powerful supercomputers to forecast climate conditions. This is different from the traditional, statistical approach.

El Nino challenge

India faces a potential 4% shortfall in monsoon rainfall

- The development of an El Nino, a cyclical phenomenon of warming in the Central Pacific, is believed to be the key factor affecting this year's monsoon, as it is linked to diminished rainfall in certain parts of India
- Private weather agency Skymet predicts a 'below normal' monsoon at 94% of the LPA, with Punjab, Haryana, Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh expected to experience reduced rainfall in August and September
- Ameliorating factors such as the development of a 'positive' phase of the Indian Ocean Dipole (IOD) and reduced snow cover in Eurasia could potentially offset the impact of El Nino on the monsoon
- Most of Central India and southern India, key agricultural areas, are expected to receive normal or slightly above normal rainfall based on current models

Bombay HC seeks Centre's reply in Kunal Kamra's plea

The Hindu Bureau
MUMBAI

The Bombay High Court on Tuesday directed the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology to file its response to a plea by Kunal Kamra, political satirist and stand-up artist, challenging the constitutional validity of the Information Technology Amendment Rules, 2023.

A Division Bench of Justices Gautam Patel and Neela Gokhale was hearing senior advocate Navroz Seervai appearing for Mr. Kamra. He argued that the IT (Intermediary Guidelines and Digital Media Ethics Code) Amendment Rules, 2023 do not come within the reasonable restrictions.

The court granted the Ministry one week to reply on why the IT Amendment Rules, 2023 should not be stayed by April 19. The court has asked the Ministry to describe the factual background that necessitated the issuance of the amendments.

Students in the dark on syllabus for competitive exams in 2024

Bindu Shajan Perappadan
Maitri Porecha
NEW DELHI

Study material provided by the National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) is usually considered among the best resource for cracking competitive entrance exams after school such as the Joint Entrance Examination (JEE) for engineering admissions, the National Eligibility-cum-Entrance Test (NEET) for medical admissions, the Common Law Admission Test (CLAT) and the Common University Entrance Test (CUET).

However, following the rationalisation of the syllabus for the academic year 2023-24, students and parents have no clarity on how much of the NCERT syllabus for Class 11 and 12 will be used for testing in the competitive exams in 2024. While schools have made it clear that they will cover only the prescribed syllabus, parents are now having to pay several lakhs to dummy/integrated schools, coaching classes and private tuitions to bridge the gap.

Turning point: Aspirants walking out of an examination centre after appearing for the NEET-UG, 2022 in Hyderabad. NAGARA GOPAL

Under tremendous financial and mental strain, parents are demanding immediate clarity.

The modification and rationalisation of the syllabus have been done under the National Education Policy (NEP), 2020, which aims to bring in competency-based study instead of rote learning.

Financial burden

"While the idea is a welcome move, the lack of clarity will cost parents several lakhs (close to ₹20 lakh in two years in the form of school and coaching fees for a single science stream student preparing for competitive exam in the capital)," said Mamta Singh, who shifted from Patna to Delhi to enrol her son in a coaching institute that prepares students for engineering entrance exams.

Her son is also attending a dummy school that has a tie-up with a coaching institute, which will enable him to take his practical exams and sit for Class 12 Boards.

For this academic session, the rationalised syllabus from the mathematics textbook for Class 11 has seen several deletions across 13 chapters. One entire chapter of mathematical reasoning has been dropped.

The syllabus has been rationalised for chemistry, physics and biology too.

There is currently no clarity if these deletions are applicable to entrance exams as well. Ms. Singh adds that regular schools have made it clear that they will be teaching only the syllabus outlined by the Board. "This leaves the students totally dependent on coaching. There is simply no escaping it," she points out.

The Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) is a national board of education in India – controlled by the Central government – that has more than 27,000 public and private schools in India and 240 schools in 28 countries affiliated with it. All schools affiliated with the CBSE follow the NCERT curriculum. However, the CBSE does not list or recognise any dummy schools.

Dummy schools are those that have tie-ups with coaching institutes and students do not have to worry about attendance but focus entirely on JEE/NEET preparation.

Soon, single platform for appointments in 45 Central varsities

A.M. Jigeesh
NEW DELHI

As several thousands of posts of faculty members – from professors to assistant professors – remain vacant in 45 Central universities, the University Grants Commission (UGC) has decided to create a common website to coordinate the appointment process in these varsities.

The website, expected to be launched soon, will function as an "announcement board" where vacancies will be posted.

A senior UGC official told *The Hindu* that aspirants can create their profiles on the website and applications can be sent directly from the website. At present, each university invites applications separately.

"With this website, aspirants will not have to visit the websites of the 45 universities to know about openings. They can apply using their profile in just one click. It will make the process transparent and easy," the official said.

The official said the window will not be limited to Central universities. "As of now, it will be for Central universities. Over time, we will encourage IITs, IIMs, State universities and private universities to make their vacancy announcements here," the official added.

Recently, Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan had said in the Lok Sabha that 6,180 posts of professor, associate professor and assistant professor, out of the 18,956 sanctioned posts were lying vacant in Central universities.

Academics sceptical

Academics, however, are watching the UGC's move with suspicion. "There are two issues in this. Central universities are established under Acts of Parliament. Step by step, this government is ending the the autonomous nature of these varsities. Second, we fear there is a ploy to rig the appointments of faculty members by the ruling party," said Rajeev Kunwar of Democratic Teachers Front in Delhi University.

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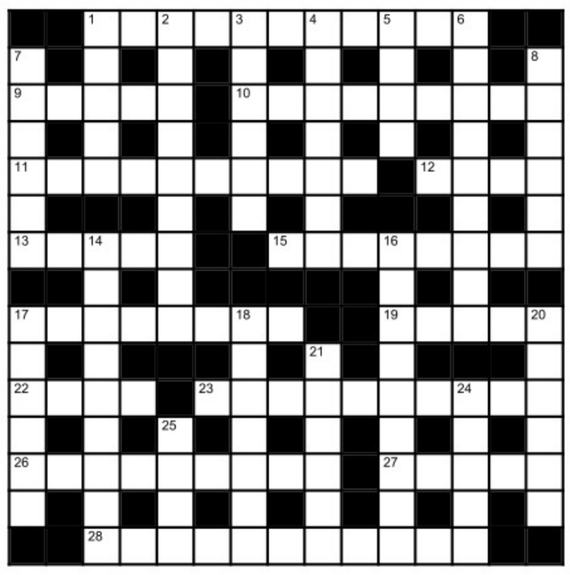

Across

1 Law proposed at present for electricity charges invoice (7,4)
9 Suffering in the past New York (5)
10 Twist, for example, after a roll! That's plenty! (9)
11 By mistake, go by air after Oscar left at noon with new actor (5,5)
12 Therefore, Andhra Pradesh produces cleaning material (4)
13 American uncle returned with top class African tribe (5)
15 Pass around plates with Rector's copies of the Book of Psalms (8)
17 Last pieces of halite? (4,4)
19 Slice of pasta's typically delicious (5)
22 Nun leaves watering hole with hot union leader for Pacific island (4)
23 Ernest requests English to administer therapy to one having extraordinary sickness at first (10)
26 Pubs with Scotsman's beast (9)
27 Dropping one rebel leader from tall animal's a blunder (5)
28 Kiss lover in absence of king and black magician who summons spirits (11)

Down

1 Man dropped during re-organisation of harmonic singing group (5)
2 Solitary arrangement includes initial expenditure for payments made for use of intellectual property (9)
3 Facilitate the French to follow English sailor (6)
4 Wrongly turns at bunkers? (7)
5 Skin dyed in patches for popular movie character, in short (4)
6 British capitalists performed among introverts expending energy (9)
7 Rabbit like animal precedes eastern male in ladies quarters (6)
8 Disease got from other pests (6)
14 Tea bag at first, then Indian sweetener (9)
16 Lazy? Chop the garlic! (9)
17 Rob him violently to get diamond shapes (6)
18 Oil gent manufactures for pigmented spot (7)
20 Enemy goes around collecting heads of soldiers - people who follow orders without question (3-3)
21 Muse, "Indian queen is residing in university area" (6)
24 Conclude conifer decomposed releasing carbon monoxide (5)
25 Powder made from bits of dental calcium (4)

SUDOKU

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Solution to previous puzzle

Solution to yesterday's Sudoku

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FAITH

The downfall of Ravana

The popular way of drawing kolam or rangoli is by drawing dots. Joining dots for kolam involves certain system with dexterity and misjoining will lead to a kind of disarray, called alankolam. Similarly in our life various dots like dharmas are to be adhered systematically. Any deviation or treason may derail and cause ruins. Ravana was a well-learned scholar. He was a great warrior, devotee, artist, king, an elder brother and a good father. His power was so enormous that he could lift even the mountain Kailash.

The Sun God, the wind, the God of Death could not enter without his permission in his kingdom. All the celestials were afraid of him. His citizens were happy as the country was with all riches and there was no crying sound.

He had led such a great rule until his sister Surpanaka came, who told about Sita and changed his mind. One mistake in the life of Ravana trying to covet the wife of another led to his downfall.

Surpanaka told Ravana that Brahma holds Saraswathi on his tongue, Vishnu bears Mahalakshmi on His chest, Lord Siva gave half of Himself to Goddess Parvathi. Where will you hold Sita. Ravana had not even seen Sita but on hearing about her, he captivated Sita in his heart.

The ulterior motive of Surpanaka was not for Ravana to capture Sita but to take a revenge on her brother who had slayed her husband. She was waiting for the best opportunity because she knew Ravana had all types of boons not to be killed by any one except human beings which he forgot to include in the list of his boons, said Salem Jayalakshmi Ammal in a discourse.

WASHINGTON

Microsoft, Internet watchdog say Israeli spyware used for hacking

GETTY IMAGES

Hacking tools allegedly developed by an Israeli firm, QuaDream Ltd., were used against journalists, Opposition figures and advocacy organisations across at least 10 countries, including people in North America and Europe, according to a report published on Tuesday by Microsoft Corp and the Internet watchdog Citizen Lab. REUTERS

DEIR AL-HATAB

Israeli forces kill two Palestinians as British-Israeli woman buried

REUTERS

Israeli forces shot dead two Palestinian militants on Tuesday in the West Bank, on a day mourners laid to rest a British-Israeli woman who died in an attack that also killed her two daughters. Israeli-Palestinian violence has surged over the last week, with Ramzan, Jewish Passover and Christian Easter coinciding. AFP

KABUL

UN asks Afghan staff to stay home until May after female worker ban

AP

The UN mission to Afghanistan launched a review of its operations and asked all Afghan staff not to come to work at least until May after the Taliban administration barred its women staff from working. The UN said last week that the Taliban had communicated that Afghan women would not be able to work for it. REUTERS

ISLAMABAD

Court in Pakistan-held Kashmir removes Imran Khan's protégé

AP

In a blow to Pakistan's former Prime Minister Imran Khan, a top court in the Pakistan-occupied Kashmir on Tuesday removed his protégé and head of the local government from office. The territory's premier, Tanveer Ilyas, was charged and convicted of insulting judges in public remarks, officials and media reported. AP

100 feared killed in junta strikes on Myanmar village

A fighter jet dropped bombs directly into a crowd of people who were gathering for the opening of a local office of the country's opposition movement in Sagaing region, according to a witness

Associated Press
BANGKOK

Airstrikes by Myanmar's military on Tuesday killed as many as 100 people, including many children, who were attending a ceremony held by opponents of Army rule, said a witness, a member of a local pro-democracy group and independent media.

The military is increasingly using airstrikes to counter a widespread armed struggle against its rule, which began in February 2021 when it seized power from the elected government of Aung San Suu Kyi. More than 3,000 civilians are estimated to have been killed since then by security forces.

A witness said a fighter jet dropped bombs directly into a crowd of people who were gathering at 8 a.m. for the opening of a local office of the country's opposition movement outside Pazigyi village in Sagaing region's Kanbalu township. The area is about 110 km north of Mandalay, the country's second largest city.

Skeletal structure: The area that was subjected to airstrikes in Sagaing's Pazigyi village in Myanmar on Tuesday. AP

About half an hour later, a helicopter appeared and fired at the site, said the witness, who asked not to be identified because he feared punishment by the authorities.

Initial reports put the death toll at around 50, but later tallies reported by independent media raised it to about 100. It was impossible to independently confirm details of the incident because reporting is restricted by the junta. There were no immediate reports about the attack in state media. In past cases, the military has denied using disproportionate force.

'Bomb on the crowd'

"I was standing a short distance from the crowd when a friend contacted me on the phone about the approach of a fighter jet," the witness said. "The jet dropped bombs directly on the crowd, and I jumped into a nearby ditch and hid. A few moments later, when I stood up and looked around, I saw people cut to pieces and dead in the smoke. The office building was destroyed by fire. About 30 people were injured. While the wounded were being transported, a helicopter arrived and shot more people. We are now cremating the bodies quickly."

About 150 people had gathered for the opening ceremony, and women and 20-30 children were among the dead, he said, adding that those killed also included leaders of locally formed anti-government armed groups and other opposition groups.

'This heinous act by the terrorist military is yet another example of their indiscriminate use of extreme force against innocent civilians, constituting a war crime," the opposition National Unity Government said in a statement. The NUG calls itself the country's legitimate government, in opposition to the army. The office being opened Tuesday was part of its administrative network.

Protesters disrupt Macron speech on Dutch state visit

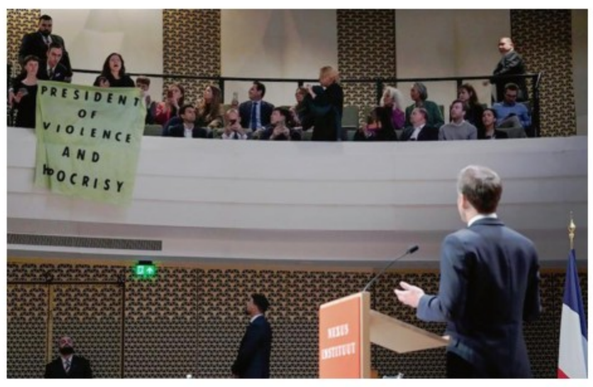
Agence France-Presse
THE HAGUE

Protesters interrupted French President Emmanuel Macron on Tuesday as he gave a keynote speech about European sovereignty during a state visit to the Netherlands.

The 45-year-old French leader has faced a series of protests and strikes in France against his pension reforms, with a new day of industrial action scheduled for Thursday.

"Where is French democracy? When did we lose it?" shouted the demonstrators, who were in the audience in the Amare theatre in The Hague where Mr. Macron was starting his address.

Two women protesters held up a yellow banner saying "President of violence and hypocrisy".



Instant feedback: Emmanuel Macron looks at demonstrators unfolding a banner in The Hague in the Netherlands on Tuesday. AP

A group of around two dozen protesters also chanted slogans outside the theatre before the speech.

Macron's response

Mr. Macron went on to say that it was "very important to have social debate" and that "I can answer all the questions you have on what we are discussing in France". He said that people who do "whatever (they) want" against laws they disagree with "put democracy at risk".

Mr. Macron is facing the biggest challenge of his second term over his flagship pension overhaul, which includes raising the retirement age from 62 to 64.

U.S. ties vital to security of Europe, says Poland PM

Agence France-Presse
WARSAW

The alliance with the U.S. is "an absolute foundation" of European security, Poland's Prime Minister said on Tuesday, after controversial remarks by French President Emmanuel Macron about ties with the U.S. and China.

Mateusz Morawiecki said his country's EU presidency in 2025 would make the partnership with Washington its "main priority".

"The alliance with the United States is an absolute foundation of our security," said Mr. Morawiecki. "Some Western leaders dream of cooperation with everyone, with Russia and with some powers in the Far East," he added, without naming those leaders.

Joe Biden heads to Belfast for N. Ireland peace anniversary

Agence France-Presse
BELFAST

U.S. President Joe Biden arrives in Belfast on Tuesday to launch the 25th-anniversary commemorations of the historic deal that brought peace to Northern Ireland.

Mr. Biden will be welcomed on the tarmac by British Prime Minister Rishi Sunak, who is looking to break the political deadlock in the U.K. province which, alongside security concerns, threaten to overshadow the historic milestone.

Underlining the threat, masked youths pelted police vehicles with petrol bombs on Monday during an illegal march by dissident pro-Irish republicans in Londonderry, known to nationalists as Derry.

Despite the concerning scenes – which have played out on other occasions in recent years in Northern Ireland as political tensions simmer – U.S. officials said Mr. Biden was "very excited for this trip".

Sri Lanka's poll body defers local elections due to lack of funds

Press Trust of India
COLOMBO

Sri Lanka's election body on Tuesday said the local body polls scheduled to be held on April 25 have now been postponed indefinitely due to an acute shortage of funds.

The Election Commission made the announcement a day after its officials held meetings with Prime Minister Dinesh Gunawardena and members of major political parties.

The Election Commission's director general Saman Sri Ratnayake said that the next date for holding elections would be announced only after the Treasury confirms the disbursal of funds.

The local body polls, which were earlier scheduled on March 9, got postponed to April 25, due to a plethora of reasons linked to Sri Lanka's current economic crisis. Last month, the Election Commission postponed the postal voting for the local body polls due to paucity of funds.

KERALA WATER AUTHORITY e-Tender Notice

Tender No : 6/2023-24/PHC/KNR (Re-tender), **JJM** - Kasaragod District - Puthige Panchayath - Construction of OHSR, laying Gravity main, distribution system and providing FHTCs in Puthige panchayath, **EMD :** Rs. 500000, **Tender Fee :** Rs. 19518, **Last Date for Submitting Tender :** 28-04-2023, 03:00 pm, **Phone :** 0497 2705902.
Website : **www.kwa.kerala.gov.in, www.etenders.kerala.gov.in**
Superintending Engineer
KWA-JB-GL-6-58-2023-24 **PH Circle, Kannur**

KERALA WATER AUTHORITY e-Tender Notice

Tender No : 3-5/2023-24/PHC/KNR, **AMRUT 2.0 - SWAP - 2** - Pipeline Extension, Providing Water Connections in Various Zones of Kannur Corporation - Elayavoor & Puzhathi Zone, JJM - Bedaduka Panchayath Construction of Intake well cum pump house, Laying Pumping Main, Gravity Main and Laying Distribution and providing FHTCs in Bedadka Panchayath, **EMD :** Rs. .200000- 500000, **Tender Fee :** Rs. 13010 - 19518, **Last Date for Submitting Tender :** 02-05-2023, 03:00 pm, **Phone :** 0497 2705902.
Website : **www.kwa.kerala.gov.in, www.etenders.kerala.gov.in**
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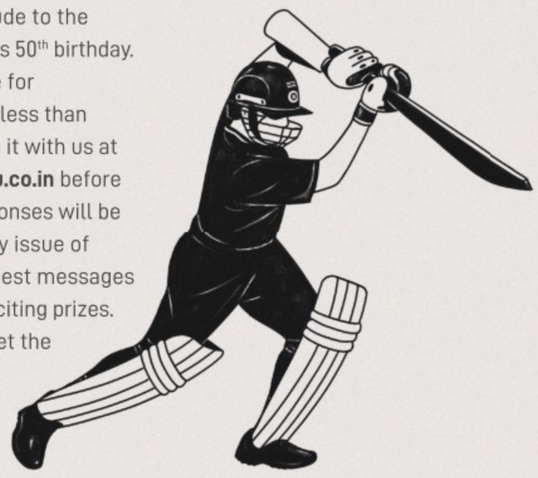

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INBRIEF

LTTS to pay $9.9 mn to settle visa-related disputes in U.S.

L&T Technology Services (LTTS) has agreed to pay $9.9 million to resolve allegations that it underpaid visa fees in violation of the False Claims Act, according to a release from the U.S. Attorney's Office, District of South Carolina. LTTS, with offices in New Jersey, has agreed to pay $9,928,000 to resolve the allegation that between 2014 and 2019, it underpaid visa fees owed to the U.S. by acquiring inexpensive B-1 visas rather than the more expensive H-1B visas.

Samsung's Harman opens auto-engineering centre

Automotive electronics firm Harman announced a new automotive engineering centre in Chennai. The unit will be fully functional by the second quarter of this year. Harman plans to hire 200 engineers and technical experts for this facility. "The Chennai centre will cater to both global and Indian OEMs and will work in tandem with the other key centres, including those in Bengaluru and Pune, to develop advanced automotive technologies," the company added.

Bitcoin breaks above $30,000 as investors eye end of rate rise

Major cryptocurrency bitcoin breached the key $30,000 level for the first time in 10 months on Tuesday, adding to its steady gains as investors raised bets that the U.S. Federal Reserve will soon end its aggressive monetary tightening campaign. Bitcoin peaked at $30,438 in Asian trade and was last up 1.4% at $30,070. The currency has gained almost 6% since the start of the month, after rising 23% in March. REUTERS

6 GHz spectrum pits wireless telcos against fixed-line broadband entities

Delicensing the 6 GHz range would benefit fixed-line broadband providers and software giants, as some of the latter try to get into the public WiFi hotspot space; these firms are pushing back on telcos laying claim to this specific spectrum band

Aroon Deep
NEW DELHI

It's not often that we hear that a band of wireless spectrum is "close to our hearts" from the lectern of a hotel ballroom.

But the emerging interest in gaining access to the 6 gigahertz (GHz) band – which ranges from 5,925 to 7,125 megahertz (MHz) – is pitting wireless telecom operators against fixed line Internet Service Providers (ISPs), with both groups keen to lay claim to a band of spectrum that could enable the next generation of 5G, or WiFi – or as some modestly insisted, both.

Battle for turf

The competition is for spectrum that could enable the next generation of 5G or WiFi or both

- Newer WiFi routers in India largely use spectrum on the 2.4GHz and 5GHz bands
- As frequency increases, the range of the signal drops, but the bandwidth goes up significantly
- The WiFi 6E standard, launched in 2020, uses 6 GHz, enabling speeds upwards of 9.6 gigabits per second

The Broadband India Forum, which represents tech giants and some ISPs, on Tuesday held an event, sponsored in part by Meta, that advanced this demand. Delicensing the 6 GHz range would benefit fixed line broadband providers and software giants, as some of the latter try to get into the public WiFi hotspot space.

Spectrum worries

Telecom operators, meanwhile, worry that since India's mobile data consumption is growing so rapidly – having risen sixfold in 5 years as per a Nokia estimate – that they need to earmark further spectrum for licensed use on their networks. Newer WiFi routers in India largely use the 2.4GHz and 5GHz bands. As frequency increases, the range of the signal drops, but the bandwidth goes up significantly.

The WiFi 6E standard, launched in 2020, uses 6 GHz, enabling speeds upwards of 9.6 Gbps; and, 6GHz spectrum supports multiple devices on a wireless network more harmoniously than the 5GHz band, even on slower connections, enticing telecom providers and ISPs.

FM urges G20 to unite on debt distress of middle-income countries

Sriram Lakshman
WASHINGTON DC

Ahead of the G20 Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors (FMCBG) meeting on April 12 and 13, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman expressed hope that the group could come together to address the debt distress of middle-income countries (MICs).

While there could be "one or two" issues on which consensus is not possible, the Finance Minister said India's presidency "is a great opportunity for India to prove and to work towards bringing all countries together on substantive issues".

Nirmala Sitharaman

Her comments were made at the Peterson Institute in Washington DC during a conversation with the think-tank's president Adam Posen.

Ms. Sitharaman highlighted the debt distress of middle-income countries (MICs) particularly. She said she was glad that multilateral institutions (i.e., the World Bank, IMF) were speeding up their work on this front.

Troubled trio

Three countries in India's neighbourhood – Sri Lanka, Pakistan and Bangladesh – have sought help from the IMF.

India is particularly keen that the debt distress affecting middle-income countries is addressed by the G20. The group's debt restructuring process, the 2020 Common Framework, which has largely catered to poor countries, has been slow to act, with just four countries (namely Chad, Zambia, Ethiopia and Ghana) to date having applied for debt restructuring through the framework.

China, which is a major creditor country for low-income countries has been blamed for not playing ball on the issue of debt restructuring.

Insurance body to punish errant hospitals

The Hindu Bureau
MUMBAI

The General Insurance Council, in its bid to improve the confidence that health insurance policyholders have in the industry and to achieve near-100% health insurance cover in the country, said it would penalise hospitals for fraud, overcharging and service deficiency.

"This will boost the confidence of policyholders and reduce fraud and overcharging," said S. Prakash, GIC committee member.

MARKETS

MARKET WATCH

	TUESDAY	% CHANGE
Sensex	60,158	0.52
US Dollar	82.12	-0.16
Gold	60,680	0.97
Brent oil	85.23	0.89

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	PRICE	CHANGE
Adani Enter	1803.15	5.90
Adani Ports	653.95	1.95
Apollo Hosp	4271.30	34.30
Asian Paints	2753.80	-22.55
Axis Bank	853.30	5.95
Bajaj Auto	4177.40	115.80
Bajaj Finserv	1323.20	18.15
Bajaj Finance	5837.75	8.95
Bharti Airtel	774.15	4.40
BPCL	339.10	3.30
Britannia Ind	4277.35	10.95
Cipla	907.15	5.30
Coal India	223.65	1.60
Divis Lab	2927.35	17.70
Dr Reddys Lab	4763.35	3.70
Eicher Motors	3054.20	83.75
Grasim Ind	1711.10	0.85
HCL Tech	1087.00	-16.10
HDFC	2742.00	14.25
HDFC Bank	1663.30	4.85
HDFC Life	513.55	-0.15
Hero MotoCorp	2469.85	9.20
Hindalco	417.55	6.10
Hind Unilever	2547.75	15.60
ICICI Bank	881.90	13.45
IndusInd Bank	1074.20	4.90
Infosys	1406.15	-21.45
ITC	396.00	7.45
JSW Steel	713.60	25.10
Kotak Bank	1846.50	87.20
L&T	2301.50	-8.20
M&M	1201.70	13.10
Maruti Suzuki	8659.55	124.40
NestleIndia	19674.60	144.40
NTPC	178.10	0.50
ONGC	159.05	1.90
PowerGrid Corp	231.35	2.30
Reliance Ind	2336.35	11.50
SBI Life	1112.65	6.40
State Bank	532.10	5.80
Sun Pharma	1009.25	0.65
TataConsumerProduct	717.30	-3.35
Tata Motors	458.70	-2.60
Tata Steel	107.55	2.60
TCS	3213.80	-49.60
Tech Mahindra	1098.25	-9.00
Titan	2580.05	-3.65
UltraTech Cement	7741.45	45.20
UPL	742.55	4.80
Wipro	370.25	-3.05

EXCHANGE RATES

Indicative direct rates in rupees a unit except yen at 4 p.m. on April 11

CURRENCY	TT BUY	TT SELL
US Dollar	81.93	82.25
Euro	89.49	89.88
British Pound	102.04	102.44
Japanese Yen (100)	61.59	61.84
Chinese Yuan	11.90	11.95
Swiss Franc	90.63	90.98
Singapore Dollar	61.56	61.80
Canadian Dollar	60.71	60.95
Malaysian Ringitt	18.54	18.62
Australian Dollar	54.57	54.79

Source:Indian Bank

Mercedes-Benz India sales rose 37% in FY23

The Hindu Bureau
MUMBAI

Mercedes-Benz India said it had clocked record sales of 16,497 units in FY23, an increase of 37% compared with 12,071 units in the previous year.

In January-March, the company said, it delivered 4,697 new cars, compared with 4,022 units in the same period last year, an increase of 17%.

Top-end vehicles priced above ₹1.5 crore witnessed 107% growth in the quarter, said managing director and CEO Santosh Iyer. On Tuesday, the company introduced the Mercedes-AMG GT 63 S E Performance, its first performance hybrid, starting from ₹3.3 crore.

"With this launch, we continue to offer the most desirable top-end vehicles from our global portfolio," the company said.

Govt. said to invite bids for Shipping Corp. in May

Reuters
NEW DELHI

The government plans to invite financial bids for the privatisation of Shipping Corporation of India Ltd. next month, as it looks to sell the state-run firm after years of delay, two government officials told Reuters.

SCI had to spin off non-core assets before the Centre could sell its 63.75% stake, which hit a roadblock over the funds to be transferred to the demerged entity. It completed the spinoff in March.

Govt. unveils Quality Control Orders for technical textiles

M. Soundariya Preetha
COIMBATORE

The Ministry of Textiles on Tuesday unveiled two Quality Control Orders (QCOs) for 31 technical textile items, including 19 geo textile and 12 protective textile products.

Joint Secretary in the Ministry Rajeev Saxena told the media the QCO was the first technical regulation in the country for technical textile products.

Mandatory BIS marking for these products will come into effect 180 days immediately after the date of the publication of the orders in the gazette.

In the second phase, the Ministry plans to issue two more QCOs for 28 items that will cover 22 agro textile products and six medical textile items.

Start-ups go to court over Google's in-app billing

Reuters
NEW DELHI

A group of Indian start-ups has asked a court to suspend Google's new in-app billing fee system until the country's antitrust body investigates the U.S. firm for alleged non-compliance.

The Alliance of Digital India Foundation last month asked India's antitrust regulator to investigate Google for devising a new system start-ups say still charges them a high service fee, despite an antitrust directive in October.

Delphi-TVS plans ₹450-cr. expansion

The Hindu Bureau
CHENNAI

Delphi-TVS Technologies Ltd. has chalked out a ₹400-450 crore plan to expand production capacity at the Oragadam plant by more than 50% to make nearly one million Common Rail (CR) systems, said president A. Viswanathan.

"We are planning to expand the production of CR Systems from the present 6 lakh sets per annum to nearly one million over the next three to four years," he said during an interaction.

A Viswanathan

Delphi-TVS plans to invest about ₹150 crore every year for the next three years. The project cost will be met via internal accruals and borrowings. The expansion will take place at the existing plant in Oragadam as it has sufficient space, he added.

Sport

Chhangte gives MCFC full points against Churchill; Chennaiyin cruises past NEUFC

SUPER CUP

P.K. Ajith Kumar
MANJERI

Mumbai City is fielding an all-Indian squad at the Super Cup. Des Buckingham's boys were still too good for Churchill Brothers, winning Group-D's opening match 2-1 here on Tuesday.

Mumbai City didn't look as formidable as the team that beat Jamshedpur FC in the AFC qualifier at the same venue a few days back.

Buckingham would not have been pleased with the way Mumbai conceded the lead, in the ninth minute. Vignesh Murthy's pass back to the goalkeeper Phurba Lachenpa proved disastrous. The ball was won, without too much trouble from the goalie just inside the box, by Ansumana Kromah and he had all the time in the world to score.

I've done it: Chhangte celebrates after scoring the all-important goal. SAKEER HUSSAIN

The equaliser was scored by Mehtab Singh, seventeen minutes later, heading in a superb free-kick by Rowllin Borges.

Just when it seemed the final scoreline would remain 1-1, Vikram Pratap was brought down inside the box by Joseph Clement. The resultant penalty-kick was converted quite comfortably by the prolific Lalianzuala Chhangte.

Later, Chennaiyin FC opened its campaign with a 4-2 win over NorthEast United. The winner led 2-1 at half-time.

Rahim Ali's brace was the highlight of CFC's win. Edwin Vanspaul and Vincent Duker were the other scorers. For NEUFC, Rochharzela and Laldanmawia Ralte reduced the margin.

The result: Mumbai City 2 (Mehtab 26, Chhangte 90+3-pen) bt Churchill Brothers 1 (Kromah 9); Chennaiyin FC 4 (Rahim 17 & 82, Vanspaul 33, Duker 50) bt NorthEast United FC 2 (Rochharzela 42, Ralte 90+4).

FMSCI confident of India hosting MotoGP

MOTORSPORTS

Sports Bureau
CHENNAI

Rewarding excellence: The National champions were honoured in Chennai on Tuesday.

After the successful conduct of the ABB FIA Formula E World Championship in Hyderabad in February, the Federation of Motor Sports Clubs of India is hopeful that the FIM MotoGP World Championship will be held as scheduled at the Buddh International Circuit in September.

FMSCI president Akbar Ebrahim, delivering the keynote address during the annual awards function here on Tuesday, said: "Last year, we had announced that the MotoGP will be coming to India. I have been informed by the Indian promoters and FIM that work is in progress and all are hopeful that the event will be held as planned."

The FMSCI, which felicitated 118 National champions of the 2022 season, presented special awards to Bengaluru's Pragathi Gowda (she won the FIA Rally Star Asia-Pacific final round in Chennai), and Shriya Lohia (Sundernagar, Himachal Pradesh), who represented India and finished fifth overall in the FIA Girls On Track event in Paris.

Ebraham also announced plans to promote the sport at the grassroot level. "We want to take the sport to the masses. We will also be conducting training programmes for the stewards and marshals to ensure events are held according to safety requirements. The accredited officials will only supervise all motorsport events in India. At the moment, there are 2,500 FMSCI license holders and we would like to increase the number to 20,000."

Ebrahim congratulated MRF Tyres for winning the prestigious European Rally Championship (ERC). "The Indian drivers are now participating in various international events from karting and rallying to racing, and fighting for podium spots," he said.

Rohit finally finds his touch as Mumbai wins a last-ball thriller against Delhi

The skipper makes a 45-ball 65 to set the tone for the chase before Green, David take the side to its first win; Chawla, Behrendorff shine with the ball

IPL-16

Rakesh Rao
NEW DELHI

When Mumbai Indians stole a last-ball six-wicket victory, Ricky Ponting's exasperated look said it all. Delhi Capitals' winless streak had stretched to four and it remained at the bottom of the table.

Despite making heavy weather of the chase, Mumbai Indians tasted its first win of the season.

After bowling out Delhi for 172 – leg-spinner Piyush Chawla and left-arm pacer Jason Behrendorff took three wickets each – Mumbai began briskly. Openers Rohit Sharma and Ishan Kishan found the ropes at will as the Power-Play produced 68 runs.

Rohit finally found his touch, smashing six fours and four sixes in his 45-ball 65, while Kishan had six hits to the fence, including three in a row off left-arm pacer Mustafizur Rahman.

The Mumbai Indians captain signalled his return to form with a strokeful innings, bringing out his signature pull shots. Off his four sixes, the one that landed in the stands behind square-leg off Anrich Nortje was the shot of the day. Though the Rohit-Kishan stand was broken with the run out of the latter – the batter sacrificed his wicket for the sake of his skipper – in the eighth over, Tilak Varma joined Rohit and was involved in a 68-run partnership for the second wicket.

The dismissals of Tilak, Suryakumar Yadav – his poor form continued as he fell for a golden duck – and Rohit, who fell to a one-handed catch by wicket-keeper Abhishek Porel, rekindled Capitals' hopes. However, Cameron Green and Tim David guided Mumbai home in a tense finish, scampering for a two off the final delivery.

Earlier, asked to bat, Capitals were powered by contrasting half-centuries from skipper David Warner and Axar Patel. The two left-handers added 67 for the sixth wicket off 35 deliveries to revive the innings. But, Behrendorff removed Axar, Warner and wicket-keeper Abhishek Porel in the same over and Kuldeep Yadav was run out as Capitals slid from 165 for five to 166 for nine. Pacer Riley Meredith then bowled Nortje to end the innings. Though Rohit and Kishan gave Mumbai a roaring start, it took Green and David to provide the perfect finish.

Showing the way: Rohit's knock was instrumental in driving Mumbai forward. R.V. MOORTHY

Lights out! Lalit has no clue to a beauty from Chawla. R.V. MOORTHY

Next assignment

DC: Apr. 15 vs. **RCB**
Bengaluru, 3.30 p.m.

MI: Apr. 16 vs. **KKR**
Mumbai, 3.30 p.m.

SCOREBOARD

DELHI CAPITALS

David Warner c Meredith b Behrendorff 51 *(47b, 6x4)*, Prithvi Shaw c Green b Shokeen 15 *(10b, 3x4)*, Manish Pandey c Behrendorff b Chawla 26 *(18b, 5x4)*, Yash Dhull c Wadhera b Meredith 2 *(4b)*, Rovman Powell lbw b Chawla 4 *(4b, 1x4)*, Lalit Yadav b Chawla 2 *(4b)*, Axar Patel c Arshad b Behrendorff 54 *(25b, 4x4, 5x6)*, Abishek Porel c Green b Behrendorff 1 *(3b)*, Kuldeep Yadav run out 0 *(1b)*, Anrich Nortje b Meredith 5 *(3b, 1x4)*, Mustafizur Rahman (not out) 1 *(1b)*; Extras (lb-1, w-8, nb-2): 11; Total (in 19.4 overs): 172.

FALL OF WICKETS

1-33 (Shaw, 3.4 overs), 2-76 (Pandey, 8.3), 3-81 (Dhull, 9.5), 4-86 (Powell, 10.4), 5-98 (Lalit, 12.3), 6-165 (Axar, 18.1), 7-166 (Warner, 18.3), 8-166 (Kuldeep, 18.4), 9-166 (Porel, 18.6).

MUMBAI INDIANS BOWLING

Behrendorff 3-0-23-3, Arshad 1-0-12-0, Green 3-0-30-0, Shokeen 4-0-43-1, Meredith 3.4-0-34-2, Chawla 4-0-22-3, Tilak 1-0-7-0.

MUMBAI INDIANS

Rohit Sharma c Porel b Mustafizur 65 *(45b, 6x4, 4x6)*, Ishan Kishan run out 31 *(26b, 6x4)*, Tilak Varma c Pandey b Mukesh 41 *(29b, 1x4, 4x6)*, Suryakumar Yadav c Kuldeep b Mukesh 0 *(1b)*, Tim David **(Impact Player in place of Meredith)** (not out) 13 *(11b, 1x6)*, Cameron Green (not out) 17 *(8b, 1x4, 1x6)*; Extras (lb-4, w-2): 6; Total (for four wkts. in 20 overs): 173.

FALL OF WICKETS

1-71 (Kishan, 7.3), 2-139 (Tilak, 15.5), 3-139 (Suryakumar, 15.6), 4-143 (Rohit, 16.5).

CAPITALS BOWLING

Mukesh **(Impact Player in place of Shaw)** 2-0-30-2, Mustafizur 4-0-38-1, Nortje 4-0-35-0, Lalit 4-0-23-0, Axar 4-0-20-0, Kuldeep 2-0-23-0.

Toss: MI; **PoM:** Rohit.

MI won by six wickets off the final delivery.

Super Kings ready to defend fortress Chepauk against high-flying Royals

Lalith Kalidas
CHENNAI

Chennai Super Kings will aim to maintain its winning streak when it hosts Rajasthan Royals in the Indian Premier League at the M.A. Chidambaram Stadium on Wednesday.

M. S. Dhoni can afford to smile ahead of his 200th IPL match as CSK captain after the seven-wicket demolition of Mumbai Indians at the Wankhede Stadium last Saturday.

Amid fitness setbacks to Ben Stokes, Moeen Ali and Deepak Chahar, Ravindra Jadeja and Mitchell Santner revelled with five wickets. Seamer Tushar Deshpande made amends, and Ajinkya Rahane smashed a fifty on his CSK debut.

With Chahar and Stokes out, Dhoni could rope in an additional spinner at home. If available, Maheesh Theekshana – the leading T20 spinner (36 wickets) in PowerPlays since 2021 – can deftly replace Chahar. Moeen, who has recovered from a stomach bug, is also expected to return.

Meanwhile, CSK's dominant Chepauk record will witness its first stern test in 20 matches from a team, save Mumbai, as the Royals hop in after thrashing Delhi Capitals by 57 runs.

Left-armer Trent Boult is the kryptonite to opener Ruturaj Gaikwad, who has often sheathed CSK's erratic middle-order. Boult has dismissed Gaikwad thrice in four meetings, averaging 7.33; his pacy outswing could also test Devon Conway early on. R. Ashwin and an in-form Yuzvendra Chahal will nag CSK in the middle-overs.

While inconsistencies linger, RR's top-order can threaten the spin-heavy Super Kings. Captain Sanju Samson, Jos Buttler and Yashasvi Jaiswal represent the best IPL top-three against spin since 2020, with a combined strike rate of 151.11.

Mouth-watering contest: It would be fascinating to see how Ruturaj takes on the wily Chahal. B. JOTHI RAMALINGAM

TODAY'S MATCH

CSK vs. RR

Chennai, 7.30 p.m.

HEAD-TO-HEAD

Played: **26**
CSK **15** | RR **11**

PREVIOUS MEETING
RR won by five wickets, 2022

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Captain
Dhoni's 200
When Chennai's Super King walks out for the toss against Rajasthan Royals at the MAC Stadium on Wednesday, it will be his 200th game as captain for the franchise in the IPL

	M	W	L	NR
Overall	**199**	**120**	**78**	**1**
vs. MI	33	14	19	0
vs. RCB	28	18	9	1
vs. KKR	25	17	8	0
vs. DC	26	16	10	0
vs. RR	26	15	11	0
vs. PBKS	24	15	9	0
vs. SRH	16	13	3	0
vs. DEC*	10	6	4	0
vs. PWI	6	4	2	0
vs. KTK	2	1	1	0
vs. GT	2	0	2	0
vs. LSG	1	1	0	0

* Deccan Chargers

Compiled by **G. Prasad**

Spare a thought for the unfortunate ones, too: Ashwin

S. Dipak Ragav
CHENNAI

Yash Dayal went through some of the most challenging moments when Rinku Singh hit him for five consecutive sixes to chase down 29 off the last over in the match between Gujarat Titans and Kolkata Knight Riders on Sunday. But after the game, the left-arm seamer received a lot of support from teammates, opponents, and fans.

That is something India's premier off-spinner R. Ashwin wants to see more of, considering the game is tilted in favour of batters, especially in T20.

"The understanding of a bowler and what he needs has to come from inside the team management. It is improving with good captains, like how Dhoni backed Tushar Desphande after the first game. "A batter will go on to make an eight-ball four, and he won't be spoken about, but a bowler who goes for 45 runs in four overs is. We need to turn the lens around, and slowly, it will," said Ashwin on Tuesday.

Ashwin was also glad to see RCB's Harshal Patel attempt to run out Ravi Bishnoi at the non-striker's end off the last ball of the match against Lucknow Super Giants on Monday.

"All I see is one ball, one to win; the non-striker will run. If that is the situation, I will stop and run a batter out every time. The rules of the game bind you within the laws, and whatever you do within that to win is completely fair.

"I was watching the game and telling my wife, he (Harshal) should run him out. I was happy that a bowler had the courage to do it, and I wish more bowlers would do it," he said.

When asked about the decreasing relevance of full-time off-spinners in T20s, Ashwin said, "You can't just put your hand up and say there won't be any off-spinners. Somebody keeps coming through all the time. It is about adapting on the go."

Smart move: Ashwin says there was nothing wrong in Harshal attempting to run out Bishnoi off the last ball. SPORTZPICS/IPL

Points Table

	M	W	L	Pts	NRR
Lucknow Super Giants	4	3	1	6	1.048
Rajasthan Royals	3	2	1	4	2.067
Kolkata Knight Riders	3	2	1	4	1.375
Gujarat Titans	3	2	1	4	0.431
Chennai Super Kings	3	2	1	4	0.356
Punjab Kings	3	2	1	4	-0.281
Royal Challengers Bangalore	3	1	2	2	-0.800
Mumbai Indians	3	1	2	2	-0.879
Sunrisers Hyderabad	3	1	2	2	-1.502
Delhi Capitals	4	0	4	0	-1.576

After the DC-MI match on April 11

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BACK IN THE MIX

Moeen set to rejoin team for Rajasthan Royals game

R. RAGU

Moeen Ali, who missed the previous game due to food poisoning, is expected to take the field against Rajasthan Royals. The Chennai Super Kings all-rounder, who bowled a match-turning spell against Lucknow Super Giants, will rejoin spin twins, Ravindra Jadeja and Mitchell Santner.

HAIL THE YOUNGSTER

Yashasvi has shots all around the wicket, says Buttler

RITU RAJ KONWAR

Jos Buttler hailed Rajasthan Royals opening partner Yashasvi Jaiswal's range of strokes. "He is progressing nicely. He is playing with real clarity and confidence. He has shots all around the wicket and has a real love for the game which is fantastic. I enjoy batting with him."

PUMPED UP

Jadeja says he hopes to build on the momentum

B. JOTHI RAMALINGAM

CSK's Ravindra Jadeja said he hopes to build on the momentum of his match-winning performance with the ball against Mumbai Indians. "It gives me a lot of confidence doing well in Mumbai against MI and taking those wickets. It will help me a lot in upcoming matches."

DOUBLE TROUBLE

du Plessis fined for slow over-rate; Avesh reprimanded

Skipper Faf du Plessis was fined ₹12 lakh after RCB was found guilty of maintaining slow over-rate in its IPL match against Lucknow Super Giants. LSG's Avesh Khan, who flung his helmet in excitement after completing the winning run, also got a reprimand from the match referee.

REACHING A LANDMARK

RCB pacer Harshal Patel completes 100 IPL wickets

Royal Challengers Bangalore pacer Harshal Patel reached the 100-wicket landmark in the IPL during the match against Lucknow Super Giants in Bengaluru on Monday. Harshal had his most successful season in 2021 when he took 32 wickets in 15 matches and won the Purple Cap.

INBRIEF

Priyanshu Rajawat achieves career-best 38th spot

Riding on his title-winning run at the Orleans Masters Super 300 tournament, India's Priyanshu Rajawat jumped 20 places to achieve a career-best 38th spot in the latest BWF rankings issued on Tuesday. Lakshya Sen moved up a place to 24th, while K. Srikanth slipped two spots to world No. 23. Prannoy continues to be the best-ranked men's singles player at No. 8. In women's singles, P.V. Sindhu slipped two rungs to world No. 11 while Saina Nehwal moved up to the 31st spot.

Tame Barcelona held goalless by a solid Girona

Title-chasing Barcelona was held to a 0-0 draw by Girona at Camp Nou on Monday, extending its lead on Real Madrid at the top of LaLiga by one point, now sitting 13 clear with 10 games remaining. Still smarting from the Clasico humiliation by Madrid last week in the Copa del Rey, Barcelona was far from its best in a Catalan derby clash, despite the motivation of seeing the champion lose on Saturday against Villarreal. Girona, mid-table, was solid and forced the Catalans to drop points at home in LaLiga for only the third time this season.

Zverev kicks off his clay season with win over Bublik

Alexander Zverev of Germany made a winning start to his clay-court season when he overcame Alexander Bublik 3-6, 6-2, 6-4 at the Court Rainier III in the ongoing Monte Carlo Masters on Tuesday. The German was playing on the surface for the first time since retiring from his 2022 Roland Garros semifinal match against Rafael Nadal due to an injury to his right ankle, overcame a sluggish start to beat Bublik in a match that lasted for one hour and 58 minutes. Grigor Dimitrov also advanced by beating Ben Shelton 6-1, 3-6, 6-3.

Leicester appoints Smith manager until end of season

Dean Smith has been appointed Leicester manager until the end of the season, the Premier League strugglers announced on Monday. Former Aston Villa and Norwich boss Smith replaces Brendan Rodgers, who was sacked on April 2 after his side's slump into relegation trouble. "I'm really happy to have the opportunity to lead the team during these final weeks of the season," Smith said.

ROUND-UP

No sweat for HAL SC

BENGALURU: HAL Sports Club whipped Indiabulls Housing & Finance Ltd by eight wickets in the KSCA Group II, Division II tournament here.

The scores:
Reserve Bank of India RC 190/3 in 20 overs (Prajwal Pavan 61, B.U. Shivakumar 30, Rishi Bopanna 54 n.o.) bt KPTCL Sports Organization 139/9 in 20 overs (Raghavendra Badiger 28, Vinay Kumar 35, I.G. Anil 3/10).

Indiabulls Housing & Finance Ltd 69 in 14.2 overs (S.M. Shamanth 3/14) lost to HAL Sports Club 70/2 in 12.3 overs (Rahul Prasanna 42).

LIVE TELECAST

Chess World championships: FIDE & *Chess.com YouTube* channels, 2.30 p.m. onwards

Super League football: Sony Sports Ten 2 (SD & HD) & LIV, 5 & 8.30 p.m.

IPL: Star Sports 1 (SD & HD) & Jio Cinema App, 7.30 p.m.

Champions League: Sony Sports Ten 1, 2, 3 (SD & HD) & LIV, 12.30 a.m. (Thursday)

An eventful over that left Yash Dayal stigmatised, his mother traumatised

He was smashed for five sixes by KKR's Rinku and back home in Allahabad, his mother Radha was inconsolable and even refused food

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KOLKATA

Yash Dayal never thought he would have his 'Chetan Sharma moment' so early in his career.

The Gujarat Titans left-armer, who was smashed for five consecutive sixes by Kolkata Knight Riders' Rinku Singh, was distraught and back home in Allahabad, mother Radha Dayal was inconsolable and even refused food.

"It was a nightmare yesterday," recollected Yash's father Chandrapal Dayal in an interaction with *PTI*. His nutritionist daughter Shuchi, who takes care of her younger brother's dietary needs, had to step up and take care of her mother.

His father Chandrapal, who once played Vizzy Trophy for North Zone Universities, stayed pragmatic. "These are the moments that make up sports. Even in life you suffer failures, it's important to stand up stronger," Chandrapal said.

He is forever indebted to Titans skipper Hardik Pandya, who, along with other teammates, tried to cheer Yash up. Back in the hotel, every team member, including skipper Hardik who had been indisposed, stood by him.

"They gathered around and consoled him. Later, there was *naach-gaana* (dance and music) and they spent some light moments with him," said Chandrapal.

Late in the night, Chandrapal called his son and had a chat.

"He told me that 'the ball was slipping out' and that he could not get a 'proper grip' on the night as he attempted his yorkers.

"He even tried a slower one from the back of the hand. But that too was smashed," Chandrapal said.

It's okay, mate: Yash Dayal is consoled by Alzarri Joseph after the expensive over. AP

Nisha bags silver, Priya wins bronze

Sports Bureau

Nisha Dahiya (68kg) picked up a silver medal, while Priya (76kg) took a bronze in the women's competitions of the Asian wrestling championships in Astana on Tuesday.

Recovering from an injury, Nisha defeated Mongolian Delgermaa Enkhsaikhan 10-10 via criteria and China's Feng Zhou 7-6 to reach the final. In the final against Ami Ishii, Nisha, who had lost to the Japanese in last year's World championships semifinals, was pinned in the closing stages.

Eighteen-year-old Priya beat Chinese Taipei's Hui Tsz Chang 2-1 before losing 'by fall' to Kyrgyzstan's Aiperi Kyzy. In the bronze medal match, Priya pipped Japanese Mizuki Nagashima 2-1. Neelam (50kg) lost her bronze medal match 0-10 to Chinese Ziqi Feng.

Sarita Mor (59kg) finished fifth among seven athletes.

SNAPSHOTS

BCCI plans upgrade of stadium facilities ahead of World Cup

NEW DELHI: The BCCI is planning a massive renovation of at least five major stadiums at an estimated cost of over ₹500 crore ahead of the ODI World Cup in October-November.
The game has attracted huge money over the past 10 years, making BCCI, the richest board in the world, richer.
However, the fan is often deprived of basic facilities at most venues.
During the India-Australia Test series in February-March, fans had vented their ire over the lack of clean toilets at the Arun Jaitley Stadium in Delhi.
It is not surprising that Delhi is among the five venues which underwent a gap assessment by the BCCI. As per the list accessed by PTI, the other venues are Hyderabad, Kolkata, Mohali and Mumbai.
The Wankhede in Mumbai had undergone renovation before the India-Australia ODIs last month after a fan complained of poor sanitary conditions.

Pakistan prefers Chennai, Kolkata as venues for its World Cup games

The Pakistan cricket team would prefer playing most of its 2023 ODI World Cup matches in Chennai and Kolkata – where the team has felt safe during its earlier tours, according to ICC sources.
The World Cup is scheduled to start on October 5, with 46 matches, including the final, set to be played across 12 Indian cities – the other 10 being Ahmedabad, Lucknow, Mumbai, Rajkot, Bengaluru, Delhi, Indore, Guwahati and Hyderabad, Dharamasala.
It is understood that Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) bigwigs are in talks with a top-level ICC executive on the issue.

Ankita helps India overcome Thailand in Billie Jean King Cup

Sports Bureau

Ankita Raina won both her singles and doubles matches to help India beat Thailand 2-1 in the opening league match of the Asia-Oceania Billie Jean King Cup women's tennis tournament in Tashkent, Uzbekistan, on Tuesday.

Ankita put the teams on par by winning the second singles against Peangtarn Plipuech 5-7, 6-1, 6-3.

Returning to the court with Rutuja Bhosale, Ankita sustained the good work, as the Indian pair recovered after losing the first set to record a resounding victory against the experienced Luksika Kumkhum and Plipuech.

The results (league): India bt Thailand 2-1 (Rutuja Bhosale lost to Luksika Kumkhum 2-6, 1-6; Ankita Raina bt Peangtarn Plipuech 5-7, 6-1, 6-3; Ankita & Rutuja bt Luksika & Peangtarn 4-6, 6-3, 6-2).

China bt Uzbekistan 3-0; Japan bt Korea 3-0.

On a high: Ankita and Rutuja celebrate India's victory over Thailand. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Madrid hosts Chelsea; Napoli faces Milan

Training hard: Napoli will hope its maiden entry into the quarterfinals gives it a positive result. AFP

CHAMPIONS LEAGUE

Agencies
MADRID

The latest encounter between Real Madrid and Chelsea in the Champions League will put the spotlight on their coaches.

Chelsea will travel for Wednesday's first leg in Madrid with Frank Lampard trying to win for the first time since being named interim coach.

Madrid will play still surrounded by doubts about Carlo Ancelotti's future amid rumours of him taking over Brazil's national team.

The outcome could potentially help Lampard reclaim a permanent job with the English club, or influence Ancelotti's decision on whether to accept the Brazil job.

Chelsea enters the match at the Santiago Bernabeu Stadium on a four-match winless run. It has won only two of its last 11 matches in the Premier League, where it sits in 11th place.

Ancelotti and Madrid are coming off a 3-2 home loss to Villarreal that all-but-ended the team's hopes of winning the Spanish league.

Ancelotti will have nearly all of his players available for the first leg, with the exception of left back Ferland Mendy.

Napoli, meanwhile, is sweating on the return of Victor Osimhen for the first leg of its all-Italian quarterfinal against AC Milan.

Napoli has never before been in the last eight of the Champions League.

The fixtures: Real Madrid vs Chelsea, AC Milan vs Napoli, (12.30 a.m. Thursday).

Cricket sets out to capture American hearts and purses

BETWEEN WICKETS
Suresh Menon

It doesn't take a genius to work out that international cricket is a zero sum game. More days devoted to one format means fewer days for another. One way of getting around this is to separate Test cricket from T20 franchise cricket in such a way that they are seen as different sports with their own governing bodies. Perhaps that is where cricket is headed, even with the number of crossover players currently active.

That is another way, however, of killing Test cricket. Top players are more likely to opt for the more lucrative T20 tournaments. Cricket is at a crossroads. One road leads to disaster, the other to calamity. Either Test cricket survives at low energy or it is squeezed in only when there is no T20 franchise tournament.

In a few weeks, the US enters the picture with their own Major League Cricket (MLC). The enthusiasm in getting a continent and its money invested in cricket has been one of sport's most enduring.

Cricket is no stranger to the US. In fact, the first-ever international sporting contest was a two-innings cricket match between the US and Canada in 1844 (Canada won by 23 runs). But cricket was soon overtaken by baseball.

Cricket is played in the US today mainly by expats from Asia and the Caribbean. But there is a firm belief that T20 with its quick pace, guaranteed result and razzmatazz will capture American hearts. Or at least American purses.

For the moment, the investors are mainly Indian, from Microsoft's Satya Nadella to the owners of some IPL teams (Delhi, Mumbai, Chennai, Kolkata). Anand Rajaraman and Venky Harinarayan, old friends from Chennai and now successful entrepreneurs, have invested in the San Francisco team. The six-team tournament starts in July. Individual players earn up to a quarter million dollars for a five-game (plus the final if they qualify) season. All matches will be played at a single venue near Dallas, Texas.

Romantic notion

America taking to cricket with the passion they show for sports from baseball and basketball to the NFL has been a romantic notion with cricket administrators from around the world. It hasn't worked in the past for the top-down manner in which it has been attempted: a few international cricketers playing a few matches over a few years for a few dollars pretending they were establishing the game in its final frontier. The MLC is not much different in essence, although it is a tournament that hopes to remain on the calendar for many years.

Administrators are generally not so fussed about where the American dollar comes from – whether it is the American baseball-lover who is investing or the Indian cricket-lover. If the International Cricket Council is serious about establishing the game there, it should look at the grassroots, in schools and colleges to build an eco-system for the future. The MLC is run by a private organisation, yet if cricket (rather than business) is to succeed, there has to be a healthy collaboration all around.

The IPL lobby

The increasing influence of IPL teams in franchise tournaments around the world, in South Africa (where they own all six teams), the West Indies and the UAE, means that the face of the game is undergoing a change. There is the possibility that with these teams signing up a big chunk of players around the world, they could act as a kind of super-ICC deciding the fate of the game based on the bottom line. National cricket Boards can either give in or see the advantages of working together to both spread the game and raise the money for the unglamorous part of administration – development at grassroot level, growth of umpiring and coaching schools and so on.

The Board of Control for Cricket in India, already the most powerful body in the game, might soon have to deal with a powerful body within itself, the IPL lobby. Is there such a thing as too many T20 franchise tournaments? Perhaps. The franchises have only one way of measuring success – profits. Boards necessarily have other measures – tournament victories, coaching, wins and losses at lower levels, spread of the game into new areas, acceptance at the Olympics, and much more.

Cricket Boards might be in the position of the frog in the tepid water being heated. Stay too long without doing anything and it could be the end.